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Mailman's Rush:

For most people Christmas means hearts full of love and the joy of giving, as well as pocketbooks fairly well devoid of cash, but to the mailmen the Yuletide season is a harbinger of weary feet, staggeringly heavy sacks and disrupted schedules. Throughout the long days their load increases, but despite it

all the postmen manage to come through with a smile — or maybe they're just happy now because Christmas is but two days away. Their day starts when they pick up their bundles in the post office, where Earl W. Riegner, superintendent of mail, has had his hands full of odd-sized Christmas cards. Herbert Snyder (left) picks up his mail, while Robert

E. Hackman, (second photo) regards with resigned amusement a typical handful of mail delivered to a house on his route. Charles J. Simmons, (third photo), of 4501 Apple street, has a cheery word as well as a generous supply of mail for Lena Schaffer, E. Sorber Diemer has George F. D. Hallman (fourth photo), May and Franklin streets, sign for a package

as presents pour into town, and Jesse Weidner (fifth photo) finds considerable satisfaction in totting two hefty armfuls of outsize bundles to his satisfied customers. Finally, Russell Rahn takes a moment to look over a small part of his Christmas sack of mail and packages as he trudges around to his delivery points.

Panama Body Voids Agreement With U.S. On 14 Leased Bases

PANAMA, Panama, Dec. 22 (AP)—The 51 members of the Panama national assembly voted unanimously tonight to reject an already signed agreement which would allow the United States 14 leased military bases on Panamanian soil to defend the Panama Canal against aggression.

The assembly's refusal to ratify the pact touched off wild rejoicing in the capital and thousands of persons marched through the streets shouting gleefully, "It did not pass. It did not pass."

The vote on the agreement, under which the United States would have leased and manned 13 defense sites and the huge B29 air base at Rio Hato, came after six hours of debate in which prominent Panamanian political figures, including a former president and four former foreign ministers, criticized the background of the negotiations for the pact.

As the debate opened, more than 10,000 persons gathered in central streets around the assembly building. The crowd dwindled during the period in which the debate dragged on, but new throngs gathered when the vote was announced. The U. S. State department announced in Washington Dec. 10 the agreement with President Enrique Adolfo Jimenez government had been signed after 16 months of negotiations.

(Tonight, the American State department declined to comment on the assembly's action in turning down the agreement.)

(But diplomatic officials said (Continued on Page Three)

Italian Girl Whose Fiance Died in Crash, Given Visitor's Visa

(Picture on Page 13)
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22 (AP)—Immigration authorities announced late today that Maria Formicola, 21-year-old Italian girl who came to this country to marry an ex-GI and found him dead, has been admitted to the United States for a 90-day period.

A spokesman for the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization service said that "the necessary \$500 bond has been posted" but added that the commission would make no further statement on the case.

The action came following the forwarding here of proceedings of a hearing before New York immigration authorities on an appeal by the diminutive Italian miss from a deportation order.

The spokesman said he could not make public the reasons for the commission's action.

In a radio interview tonight, Miss Formicola was asked if she were planning to marry anyone else now, and replied:

"I have been asked to marry. I will decide that in the time I can stay here."

Earlier today the governor of (Continued on Page Three)

THE WEATHER

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Mostly cloudy today. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, windy and colder.

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High Antics Low

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES

Local temperatures yesterday and early this morning were:

10 a. m. 30 11 a. m. 32 12 m. 34 1 p. m. 36 2 p. m. 38 3 p. m. 40 4 p. m. 42 5 p. m. 44 6 p. m. 46 7 p. m. 48 8 p. m. 50 9 p. m. 52 10 p. m. 54 11 p. m. 56 12 m. 58

COUNCIL SAYS COMPETITION IN PRICES URGENT

Economic Unit Reports 'Artificial' Demands May Carry Business for You WASHINGTON, Dec. 22

(AP)—"Artificial" demands for goods may sustain business through 1948 or longer, the President's council of economic advisers reported tonight. It said "real price competition" must be achieved to provide a balanced, long-range prosperity.

It defined such competition as "the lowest price consistent with a fair return in a stable economy, rather than the highest price that the traffic will bear in an unstable economy."

"It seems clear that in reaching this equilibrium (of prosperity) many industrial prices must come down at least in relation to other prices," said the council headed by Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, in a year-end report to Mr. Truman.

It said that the nation is "by no means" in the stable balance of a high production economy, but is "abnormally" stimulated by overseas demands, the postwar backlog of unfilled consumer wants, crop shortages and continued high military expenditures.

The council raised the issue—"which we believe may have to be faced more definitely before the end of 1948"—of whether the problem of inflation and high living costs can be solved by production alone; or whether full production will overtake market demand, "force disastrous price breaks, result in production cut-backs, and thus prove to be its own undoing."

The council's own answer was: "A speed-up in current output is 'Ponze'; neither is the cure to be found in lengthening the work-week, as proposed by 'prominent leaders in business and public life.'"

Besides the lowering of prices by many industries, the council said, the achievement of a depression— (Continued on Page Fifteen)

Fire Damages Shed At Flagg's Plant

Operations in No. 1 foundry of the Stanley G. Flagg & Co. plant in Stowe were delayed one-half hour yesterday when an overheated stove caused a fire in an adjoining shed.

According to Stanley P. Elliott, director of personnel, early morning workers readying the plant for operation, started a fire in the stove to warm themselves. It became overheated and set fire to the shed.

The blaze was discovered about 4:20 o'clock and an alarm was answered by the West End Fire company who extinguished the flames.

The Philadelphia Steam Tug Engine company and a Good Will ambulance stood by but did not go into action.

Although no final estimates was made, Elliott said the blaze caused several hundred dollars damage. The interior and roof of the shed were charred badly and part will have to be replaced. No one was injured in the fire.

Kodak Still Cameras Just Arrived. Arrow Camera, 80 N. Charlotte St.

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Christmas Has Its Joys—Sorrows, Too

By HARRY TOLAND (Mercury Staff Writer)
LIKE any other series of 24 consecutive hours, Christmas Day can be white and happy or it can be as gloomy as Manayunk on a rainy Sunday.

Pottstowners, as immune as any one else from moments of sorrow or supreme joy, have found this to be the case over the years.

For instance, the short span of three years has whisked William L. Raynor, 44 Scott street, Penn Village, from his worst Christmas to his best, this one.

Stationed in Metz, France, with his infantry company shortly before Christmas, 1914, Raynor, then a Pfc., and some of his buddies were enjoying a two-week furlough and preparing for as merry a Yule as the circumstances would permit.

Then, five days before the 25th, his company was given the order to move up to the front as replacements in the furious fighting of the Battle of the Bulge.

Three days later and for some time afterwards, Raynor was fighting in that terrible onslaught.

His arrival was the signal for bedlam to break loose. Kids of all sizes fixed their attention on him with yells and cheers. All except one, who with wheels askew, went through the aisles like a lost soul yelling:

"Harry? Harry? Where's Harry?"

Melvin Katz, manager of the theater, acted as Santa's master of ceremonies for the games and contests which highlighted the party. After the stage had been sprinkled liberally with milk and cracker crumbs, and all the prizes had been given away, several comedies were shown to quiet the kids down to a loud scream.

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West Chester School Destroyed by Blaze; Loss Is \$750,000

By Staff Correspondent
WEST CHESTER, Dec. 22—The West Chester High school lay in ruins late tonight, roofless and portions of the walls crumbling, as a result of a fire that began at 6:20 p. m. and still burned at 10 p. m., although under control.

Within a few minutes after the blaze started, virtually every portion of the 41-year-old, three-story brick building was afire, and the junior high school, separated from the burning building only by a 50-foot causeway, was threatened until a fire wall kept the flames from spreading.

Firemen from West Chester's three volunteer companies were aided by companies from Downingtown, Malvern, Paoli, Coatesville, Ardmore and an aerial ladder truck from Bryn Mawr.

No one was in the building at the time, and only one fireman suffered a slightly cut hand. Property damage, however, was estimated at \$750,000 by Dr. G. Arthur Stetson, West Chester superintendent of schools.

The 22 classrooms, library, study hall, administrative offices, laboratories and practically all current school records were destroyed in the roaring blaze that sent tongues of flame reaching high enough into (Continued on Page Three)

Gifts Continue To Swell Fund For Nancy Ann

St. Nicholas, in the guise of generous Pottstowners and persons from the Pottstown trading area, continued to shower Christmas gifts on Nancy Ann Dalgleish.

The 17-year-old spastic, who is striving for rehabilitation at a Philadelphia neuro-physical clinic, saw her "Nancy Christmas Fund" increased to a shadow within the \$6000 mark yesterday.

Late Christmas donations totaling \$682.98 poured into The Mercury yesterday. Those bountiful contributions increased the fund to \$5778.98.

The Mercury will continue to accept gifts. All funds will go toward Nancy's hospitalization and education. The money will be used to liquidate Nancy's 1947 hospital debt, and to pay for her future rehabilitation costs.

Persons wishing to make contributions before Christmas are asked to get in their donations today. Firms, restaurants and other public places that took up collections are requested to report their totals today.

The Mercury will continue to acknowledge all donations, and will report the expenditure of all funds.

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Girl's Tip on Visit Of Indian Girl Wins 'Best of Week' Prize

Ten dollars worth of added Christmas cheer went out to three Pottstown tipsters yesterday, with the fattest plum of all, a check for \$5, going to Miss Jeanne Griffiths, of Seven Springs farm, Chester county.

Miss Griffiths told The Mercury that her fellow-student, Miss Roschen Bharucha, of Lahore, Pakistan, was visiting her home during the Christmas holidays, giving Mercury readers an opportunity for some authentic information about the problems of India.

Mrs. Raymond Haas, of Pottstown RD. 4, is 83 richer this week because she promptly called 2263 when she saw an automobile and truck collide on Sanatoga hill the past Wednesday. Both a story and a picture resulted from Mrs. Haas' tip.

The third award of \$2 was sent to Samuel Whitman, of Nantmeal Village. He told a Mercury reporter about a four-point buck that was chased by dogs, hit by a car and finally had to be put out of his misery, the past Saturday afternoon.

Christmas Week should be a fertile one for Pottstown area tipsters. News of unusual gifts, large and small, and sources of Christmas parties, anniversaries and Yuletide homecomings can be added to the usual flurry of fires, accidents and other mishaps that The Mercury will pay for to the tune of \$10 this week.

So, instead of letting the lethargy of large dinners dull your powers of observation, call The Mercury at 2263 when you hear about any newsworthy event or see it happen.

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U. S., British Heads Won't Leave Berlin Despite Red Invite

BERLIN, Dec. 22 (AP)—The U. S. and British military governors of Germany declared today the Western Allies had no intention of withdrawing from Berlin and that they hoped for continuance of the four-power Allied control council for Germany.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, the American governor, and Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, the British commander, made their views known at separate news conferences.

Clay said American and British authorities planned immediate steps to strengthen the economic unification of their zones, but that any political unification would wait upon approval from the German people.

The Soviet newspaper, *Tass*, carried an editorial the past week to the effect formation of a separate government in western Germany might lead to a request that the Western Allies leave Berlin, which is surrounded by the Russian zone.

Asked about the editorial, the British general said: "If it is a threat I can say that I take no notice of it. I'm certainly not going to allow myself to be rattled by such statements."

He added that he did not believe any ally "would be so unwise" as to seek the breakup of the four-power administration in Berlin. He said he regarded Berlin and the Allied organization as "a most important bridge spanning the differences which unfortunately still exist between the Allies, and a bridge between eastern and western Germany."

Clay said the United States would consider it "a very serious step" if one power seeks to withdraw from agreements which brought us to Berlin. He added "I do not, at the present moment, consider it likely that any power will do so."

The American governor denied charges in the Soviet-controlled press here that the Western powers wanted to partition Germany permanently by setting up a government for western Germany.

Clay said he and Robertson would meet shortly after the Christmas holidays to discuss measures for strengthening the British-American bizonal setup.

SLANDER SUITS SETTLED
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 22 (AP)—Slander suits totaling \$60,000 filed by three Louisville policemen against actress Diana Barrymore and her tennis-playing husband, John Howard, were settled out of court today for \$1500. Attorney Marshall Eldred, counsel for the Howards, announced.

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Boy's First Meeting With Santa



Willie Williams, 4, blind since birth, meets Santa Claus for the first time at a Salvation Army nursery school party in Chicago. He touches Santa's beard so he'll be able to "recognize" the old gentleman should they meet again.

Atom Scientists, Military Leaders Picked To Set Up Proving Ground in Far Pacific

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—A group of atomic scientists and a military team of admirals and generals were assigned today to organize and staff the new proving ground for atomic weapons at Eniwetok, in the Far Pacific.

Dr. Carol K. Froman of the Los Alamos, N. M., atomic laboratory, where atomic weapons are made, was appointed scientific director of the proving ground.

The civilians will be assisted by Joint Task Force Seven, commanded by Lt. Gen. John E. Hull, commanding general of the U. S. Army, Pacific.

The atomic energy commission, a civilian organization, will be responsible for the tests and experiments to be performed at facilities now being constructed at Eniwetok.

Navy Capt. James S. Russell, of the atomic energy commission's division of military application, was assigned "commander" of the group of civilian scientists.

But atomic commission officials said that while scientists will report to the commission through Captain Russell he will exercise no military command over them.

Dr. Froman's assistants are Dr. Alvin C. Graves, deputy director, and Robert W. Henderson and Dr. John C. Clark, assistant scientific directors. All are from Los Alamos.

General Hull's deputies will be Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, of the Air Force, and Rear Adm. William S. Parsons, Brig.

Gen. Claude B. Ferenbaugh was appointed Task Force chief of staff. The Navy units will be under command of Rear Adm. Thomas C. Deneorink and Brig. Gen. David A. D. Ogden will command Army Forces. Brig. Gen. Roger M. Ranney is in command of Air Force units under the direction of General Deneorink. No hint has been given of the date the experiments and testing will start. They will be carried out under military secrecy.

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Joseph Hahn Voted To Presidency of Business Club Here

Joseph Hahn was elected without opposition last night to serve as president of the Pottstown American Business club for the 1948 term, succeeding Carl M. Binder.

Twenty-five club members balloted, putting four other men in office without opposition.

They were, John R. Hoffecker, first vice president; Walter S. Zimmerman, second vice president; William Hillegass, treasurer, and Alvin E. Seybold, secretary.

Hillegass and Seybold are reporters in their offices.

Four members of the board of governors were chosen from a slate of eight. The successful candidates were Albert J. Kochel, Russell Keim, Harold E. Binder and Edwin H. Hartenstein, while the losers included Walter McCurdy, Harold Squibb, Joseph Whitacre and Donald Sands.

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Employees Are Feted By Knitting Mills

The fifth annual Christmas party tendered employees of the Pottstown Knitting Mills, Inc., Maple and St. Clair streets, by the proprietor, Stanley Swinehart, was held last night at the Orioles home, Boyertown.

Covers were laid for 50 guests at a turkey dinner. Dinner music was furnished by Earl S. Yohn's string trio.

Following the serving of dinner, Marvin Linderman was master of ceremonies and made a brief address. Remarks were also made by Edward Kehoe, superintendent of the knitting department and by Charles Erb, head of the cutting room employees.

Gifts from the company were then distributed by Linderman and the employees also exchanged gifts. Miss Jane Rosen was given a special award for drinking the most coffee.

Mrs. Florence Overdorf and Mrs. Dorothy Greenley were in charge of arrangements for the event.

Delivery of Snow Plow Expected Next Month

With the second, new V-type snow plow expected to be delivered the first of the year, the borough can face the prospect of blizzards and snowbanks with equanimity.

Borough Manager Dow I. Sears was informed yesterday that the plow, originally promised for October delivery, was on its way.

The first new plow was delivered approximately two weeks ago and has been attached to the borough grader, while the smaller push-plow, which was Pottstown's sole snow-mover in past years, brings the total for future years to three.

PANAMA BASES —

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in Washington the rejection by the assembly, in the United States view, does not mean that the United States will have to vacate the defense sites immediately since this country still holds its interpretation of the 1942 agreement under which it acquired the sites.

(Washington officials said the United States will wait until formally advised of the action by the Panamanian government before deciding what further steps to take.)

The assembly's action in refusing to ratify the signed agreement came several hours after it was learned that Foreign Minister Florencio Arosemena had resigned because of his party's opposition to the agreement.

Arosemena, appointed only a week ago, had written Thursday to President Jimenez that the resignation would become effective "as soon as you deem it convenient."

The letter was written after the minister's brother, Harmodio Arosemena, president of the national assembly and spokesman for the partido Renovador, had announced that all deputies belonging to that party would vote against ratification of the U. S. agreement.

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SATIRA JAILED —

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described Patricia as a "nymph" in its judgment.

The first visitors to see her after the sentencing were representatives of the United States embassy in Havana who refused to comment on the case.

Also, the man Patricia claimed had renewed on a promise to marry her, was described as a gentleman by the judges. They referred to her as being of "mixed German and native blood"—an apparent reference to the fact that she is partially of Indian extraction.

Among other things, the court said, Patricia was accustomed to walking the deck of Me's yacht Satira and swimming absolutely nude, as "though she were a nymph and considered Havana bay a private swimming pool."

The yacht was named for her. Satira is a Latin term for a poetic melody defined as calling "down ridicule upon itself or something related to it."

The dancer's attorney described the sentence as "extraordinarily severe."

CHURCH LEADER DIES

BALTIMORE, Dec. 22 (AP)—One of Maryland's oldest church leaders, the Rt. Rev. Edward T. Helfenstein, D.D., died today at his home after a heart attack. He was 82 years old.

ITALIAN GIRL —

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Kentucky announced he had appealed to the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization service headquarters here, asking their approval of a proposal to give Maria a home with a Kentucky family.

Governor Earle Clements said the necessary arrangements had been made to provide her a "good home" and to post the necessary \$500 bond.

The immigration service's action freed Miss Formicola from Ellis Island, immigration detention quarters in New York harbor, where she had been held since her arrival aboard the liner Vulcania Dec. 18.

She had intended to marry James McIntosh, 19, of Guernsey, Ky., whom she had met in Italy. She learned upon her arrival, however, that he had been killed in an automobile crash a few hours before the Vulcania sailed.

The immigration spokesman said the service's directive granted a 90-day visitor's visa, but added if her status changes, presumably meaning if she married — "that would alter things somewhat."

Miss Formicola had received hundreds of offers of aid as well as about a dozen marriage offers.

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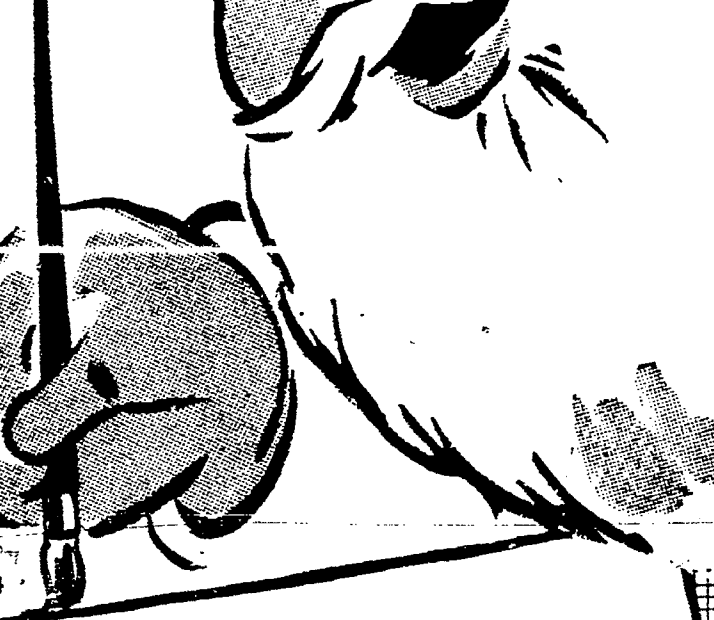
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1947

The blessing of an active mind, when it is in good condition, is that it not only employs itself, but is almost sure to be the means of giving wholesome employment to others.—Anon.

Too Much Christmas?

PERHAPS Christmas is too much with us. Too much feasting, too much drinking, too much work for the housewife.

Following our American custom of doing nothing by halves, we pile the presents high, schedule parties into every cranny of the day, and work ourselves into a frenzy of what we like to term good feeling. Then, the day after Christmas, we heave a sigh and say, at least inwardly, "Thank goodness, that's over!"

It's an emotional and gustatory bling which may, indeed, have an effect contrary to the Christian ideal of peace on earth, good will toward men.

For one thing, Christmas has been taken from the poor, where it started. Not that the comfortably-fixed should deny themselves the enduring joys of the season.

But there is something incongruous in making the birth of Christ the occasion for expensive display . . . particularly this year when so much of the world is hungry, ill-clothed and badly housed.

Surely, when the spirit of the Christ child makes His pilgrimage tomorrow night, along the streets where the candles glow, He will linger longer at the shabby homes, at the places where starvation threatens and sadness dwells.

Perhaps as we seek answers to the personal and public problems which beset us, we set too much store by material solutions.

The counsel of Christianity is simple: Love thy neighbor as thyself; do unto others as you would they would do unto you.

Jesus was a profoundly simple teacher, poor in worldly goods. From that very first Christmas at Bethlehem, He stood for plain people and plain things—shepherds and the weary ones who were turned away from the inn . . . the country hills by night.

Now Christmas has come to mean something other than the ordinary and the essentially true. That is why what is mistaken for the Christmas spirit can't last through the year. It is clinging to all our senses. It is composed too much of sentimentality instead of sentiment.

Yet the real sentiment is there for the having. Of that Christmas spirit — as old as Christianity and older, as new as the soft, clean snow — there never can be too much. Any month is appropriate.

Are You 'Accident Prone'?

SOME people have more accidents than others, and the cause is not a sequence of "bad luck." A few housewives continually cut themselves with kitchen utensils, some people always seem to be slipping and falling while others never do, and others, driving their automobiles, are denting fenders or having more serious accidents involving the lives of others.

It isn't known why a person has the "accident habit," but apparently among the causes are physical disability, poor mechanical skill, slow physical reactions, or the kind of mind that flutters into unreason when faced by a tight situation.

From 16,000 to 30,000 of the Americans who will die in automobile accidents next year—if the death rate is no more than average—might be saved if drivers had a little more skill. Declares the National Safety Council:

"The margin that separates a good driver from a bad one isn't so large but what it could be overcome by training. The worst drivers should be banned from the road. Last year we had about 33,700 highway deaths. If the large majority of drivers were as good as our best drivers, the accident rate would be cut by somewhere from 50 to 90 percent."

The council proposes that the safety program adopted by the President's highway safety conference be broadened to include a careful study of American drivers and their habits and that we should develop more highly trained accident investigation squads in city and state police departments.

If you are "accident prone," you are part of a small group responsible for a large part of our highway deaths. It would be wise if you would secure expert training to correct your driving habits and improve your skill behind the wheel. Or, perhaps it would be best if you gave up driving altogether.

Grampaw Oakley

Editor, The Mercury,
Dear Sir 'n' Brother:

Wal. I see by the papers where a westerner has invented a merry-go-round on which the horses are motorized and travel on wheels. At last it will be possible to have a collision on a carousel.

Another item says the one-man auto has made its appearance. The inventor is truly a great humanitarian. He has eliminated the backseat driver!

And say: The horse and buggy days are gone. But this is the time of the year when it's the good old sled and reindeer days.

Hopin' you air the same,
GRAMPAW NED OAKLEY

December 22.

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Readers Discuss

Hermit's Plight

Letters must not be more than 250 words long, of current topics and must not involve personalities. Writers must sign their names and give street address and residence of good faith but these will be withheld from publication on request. It is a criminal offense to sign another person's name. Poetry, and recommendations advocating the election of political candidates are not acceptable.

By MERCURY READERS

Dogs for Money

To the Editor: In regards to the letter of Carl Delacato ("No Hanging Hand for Hermit," Readers Say, Dec. 20), I would like to say the hermit was not in the dog business for love of humanity. Like all other dog dealers he was in it for money and money alone.

And as for the strides ahead that Carl Delacato speaks of, he must refer to the dog business through the dog business that has caused so far the amputation of limbs of two patients I know of, the heart infection of another and even the removal of both eyes from another of this drug not far from where I live.

If Carl Delacato feels himself worthy of the price these dogs pay, then he must value himself very highly indeed; for I have yet to meet the human being worthy of the suffering of any dog or cat.

Sometime ago we read in The Mercury of scientists quarreling among themselves and so jealous of each other they refused to use the same animal cutting-up room. These are the so-called brilliant men, people like Carl Delacato would have us look up to in awe and respect.

More brilliant professional men than they have repeatedly denied the use of dogs and cats is a benefit to humanity. If these great humanitarians so love humanity, why do they not offer themselves for research? This would prove this so-called love of humanity.

Pottstown RD MARCH

To the Editor: I am not putting the blame for the hermit on The Mercury write-up, but please try to get the people to see what treatment this man received. Just what is wrong with this world?

First, they take his dogs, which were well fed. I can't see that was such mistreatment. I'm sure they didn't mind the dirt, crates or paper.

Then they discovered he has saved a small sum of money. So someone decides to line their pockets.

All gone—his home, pets, money. Now stick him in a forgotten place to die.

They forget something. Maybe someone could use his blood.

Pottstown H. A. B.

The Worry Clinic

By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

JUSTINE V. 25, is an attractive looking wife.

"But I certainly have a worry, Dr. Crane," she began our interview, "so I hope you can please give me some help.

"I have been married five years to a man I love very, very much. But he is so careless about his personal appearance and his toilet.

"Actually, I feel as if I can't stand it another week. He may look neat to outsiders, but he skips his bath, doesn't brush his teeth half the time, would never change his socks if I didn't keep after him.

"He would never think of getting a haircut unless I sent him to the barber. He doesn't care whether his trousers are pressed or not, and would just as soon go out to play baseball in his best Sunday clothes as to do some odd ones.

"Dr. Crane, I'm almost distracted. What's wrong with a grown man like my husband? He makes a good salary, but he certainly acts like a kindergarten boy."

Our habits regarding use of the bath tub and the tooth brush, are almost as much a result of childhood training as our use of English language or the knife and fork.

Moreover, this man is a good example to show how Justine's mother-in-law has prejudiced the chances of her son's happy marriage. For she let him grow up with no fixed habits regarding personal cleanliness.

Children aren't naturally clean. Savage races, too, show this same childish carelessness in the matter of personal hygiene and their tolerance of filth.

For example, children will go around with sticky fingers and dirty hands, yet when a conflict arises. Well-trained adults, however, will feel very uncomfortable with sticky fingers. Why? Past training in cleanliness!

Divorces seldom begin after the wedding ceremony! They usually go back 20 years prior to that date, and are rooted in the childhood training of the boy and girl who later become husband and wife.

You can pick out the fodder for divorce courts, to a certain extent at least, by visiting a kindergarten and noting the little grandstanders. Pick out the uncooperative "only" children. Those led to manners against surings.

Parents can thus predispose their children to divorce by the time the grammar school teachers meet them at the first grade. Justine's marriage was thus handicapped at the start of the previous indolence of her mother-in-law.

I have often told you that it requires two good women to make a good husband. The first of these must be his mother!

I wish more parents realized that they have an obligation not only to their growing children, but to the wives of these same youngsters when marriage is finally consummated.

Some of the most stupid parents I have ever had the misfortune to meet, are university graduates, so don't think you must have a college diploma to become a good mother or father.

If you will just use your brains and a little "horse sense" you'll be able to rear an excellent family. You can be an admirable mother, yet be so poor you live in a shack made from piano boxes.

For money doesn't build character! Neither do private libraries of rare editions and current best sellers. A backwoods mother, like Lincoln's, can inspire a love for culture and good books, for morality and fair play, yet have no volume but the Bible and no fancy toys.

I urged Justine to send her husband a few "halitosis" clippings, "B.O." ads, etc. Social pressure sometimes snaps men out of their inertia.

Truman's Christmas

To Be A Merry One

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 — President Truman's third Christmas in the White House will be the merriest he has experienced in this Santa Claus home-land for the paradoxical reason that he has staged a remarkable political comeback at the very moment when he struggles with national and international problems as grave as any Chief Executive has faced in time of peace or war.

As of Christmas, 1947, the erstwhile Massachusetts senator, whose Connecticut avenue apartment did not boast a chimney for hanging up stockings, enjoys himself tremendously. Some of his earlier boyishness and bounce have vanished, but he shows no sign of excessive strain.

As a man of humble circumstances, he reacts like a child on Christmas morning to the wondrous gifts of the presidency—the prestige, the power, the plane flights and sea voyages, the formal receptions where even the great of the land line up, eight abreast in the splendid East Room, to wait for hours so they may shake his hand.

WISH: Any early thought of merely finishing out F. D. R.'s unexpired term as a duty to the country disappeared long ago.

His political cronies and personal friends, as always happens, have convinced him that he, too, is "indispensable" to the party and to the nation. They hope, as do all politicians who bear gifts, that he will reciprocate, if re-elected, by entertaining the same high estimate of their contribution to his success and the salvation of the government.

The natural result is that, far from feeling he has "had enough" political turkey and trummings, Mr. Truman's only 1947 Christmas wish is that he can spend five more Yuletide holidays in the many-chimneyed mansion at 1600 Pennsylvania avenue.

STATURE: The extent of President Truman's own political recovery can be measured most accurately by the fact that the party leaders have asked him to deliver the top oration at the \$100-a-plate, 1948, Jackson Day Dinner.

Only a year ago, so low was his prestige, that they begged him not to participate in the 1946 Congressional campaign for fear that he would lose votes. And he complied, humbly!

Even key Democrats are amazed by the transformation and frequently scratch their heads over the cause. Their attempt to identify and classify the factors in his comeback springs from their understandable desire that he continue along the course which has had, as of now, such a happy result.

As 1947 wanes, every public and private poll suggests that Mr. Truman has slightly better than a 50 percent chance of re-election. This margin could be wiped out overnight, they recognize, but they discern no other Democrat who approaches him in ballot-box stature.

DEFIANCE: In making their private inventories of Mr. Truman's present-day assets, they list near the top his reversal of F. D. R.'s attitude toward Communists at home and abroad. They think that his defiance of Moscow, so strongly reinforced by Secretary Marshall's recent behavior at London, appeals to Democrats and Republicans alike.

Despite price inflation that grows more acute every day, they figure that Mr. Truman will not be damaged by this issue if he can hold income, especially wages, and living costs at the present level. Anyway, they calculate that Republican defeat of his original 10-point anti-inflation program will enable them to throw the dust of blame in the eyes of the Congressional opposition.

NATURE: Another explanation for Mr. Truman's new strength, Democratic strategists believe, has been his defiance of John L. Lewis.

Although the President counts on the majority of the labor vote and expects to corral it because of his veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, his toe-to-toe bout with a man of Lewis's boldness and arrogance, in their opinion has warmed many conservatives without antagonizing the labor elements—the AF of L, CIO and Railway Brotherhoods—which have long felt that the United Mine Workers' boss was too "big for his britches."

Last on the list, party leaders attribute Mr. Truman's personal popularity—no body has a mean word for the man—to his kindly, homesy, unassuming nature.

WALLACE: But should a mouse who isn't supposed to be stirring on Christmas Eve scamper across an upstairs living room in the White House and nibble a toe-hold in Mr. Truman's gift stocking, his name will be Henry A. Wallace. The Iowa's unimpeachable figure will cause the holiday candles to flicker shadowily and the plum pudding to taste sour.

A third party headed by an former Cabinet member is the Democrat's chief dread. It would constitute a distinct threat to H. S. T.'s wish for "just five Christmases more." And if Wallace decides to make the race to punish what he calls a "war administration," National Chairman J. Howard McGrath has abandoned any hope of stopping him.

The three states where Henry might divide the Democratic vote in sufficient numbers to toss them into the Republican column are New York, Illinois and California. They have respectively, 47, 27 and 25 electoral votes. Mr. Truman cannot lose them, or any two of them, if he wants to be around to play Santa Claus to Western Europe and the United States for five more years.

FLOWERS FOR LIVING

FOR MARILYN LARUE CORBETT
122 East Third Street
BECAUSE her engagement to Mr. John A. Bielecki Jr., of Pottstown RD 3, has been announced.



Hollywood

By EDITH GWYN

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 22 — Merry Christmas! And when you hear of the fabulous gifts, the lavish parties, the general run of "glamour stuff" that attends the film colony news this season of the year, don't lose sight of the fact that Hollywood and its people for the most part, celebrate like any other town and its citizens anywhere in the U. S. A. Mostly family gatherings, from what we gather—and a lot of stars have relatives arriving for the Yule from all over the land.

A list of the charitable activities and personal generosity of the movie crowd at this writing, would fill several pages.

One person who knows Hollywood is a warm-hearted town, is Marjorie Rameau, back before the cameras in "The Walls of Jericho" after a bad automobile accident three years ago. "People say this place is selfish," said Marjorie, starting her 42nd year as an actress, "but let me tell you that when no one thought I'd ever walk again—and I didn't mean a thing to anyone, so many folks—prominent folks came around to cheer me. Even those I'd never known personally."

Cub-pilots (the Sunday-drivers of the air) who kept hovering over the outdoor location where Rita Hayworth was emoting in "The Love of Carmen" gave up after an hour when director Charlie Vidor also gave up because of the noise and retired to the sanctuary of the Columbia studio . . . Helen Westcott and COLA's Bill Steerwalt are eye-to-eye . . . For the first time in six years, J. Carol Nash is playing a role with Ingrid Bergman in "Joan of Lorraine" that permits him to speak English without any accent of any kind. Didja know that Nash is an Irishman?

Loretta Young spent yesterday distributing all the presents from the Salvation Army to the children's ward at Bellevue Hospital . . . Jack Oakie and Vicki Horn, set to wed next month really have folks guessing now. Jack's ex, Venita Varden is very much back on the scene—and he's been torching for her ever since they parted about five years ago.

Spike Jones will put an engagement ring on the finger of his glamour-girl singer, Helen Grayco, for Christmas. They'll marry early in 1948. She's been singing with his band for two years . . . Mickey Rooney is bouncing around saying good-bye to pals and bartenders. He leaves December 31 as we told you, to play four weeks at the Palladium in London . . . Nice to see that Dorothy Patrick getting such raves for her work in "The High Wall." Couldn't happen to a nicer natural blonde.

Sir Cedric Hardwicke says he does a vocal and dancing number in "Connecticut Yankee" along with Bing Crosby and William Bendix, that will set musicals back at least ten years! . . . Marguerite D'Oore, the French chanteuse, has Turhan Bey in a turmoil . . . Nothing like putting your personal life into your songs: Joel Benton who wrote "This Time" last year when in the midst of a big romance, now has

his "I've Got Some Forgetting to Do" being recorded at several platter factories. This year Benton is sad—but over someone else altogether!

After the club lead to the K against South's No Trump game, what should West discard on the running of dummy's spade suit?

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By PHILLIPS



Bridge

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

Three Grades of Skill

THREE different ways of playing for the same contract, producing different results, are often illustrated in duplicate games. One declarer manages to get set a trick, one makes the contract and the third scores an extra trick. The middle score may be considered as below par and the top as above par. They mark the difference very clearly sometimes, one declarer being definitely bad, the second ordinary and the third good. Let's all strive to get into the class above that to which we now belong.

♠ J 10	♥ A Q 10 7 5 3	♦ K 2	♣ 7 4 3
♠ Q 8 5 3	♥ 6 4	♦ A K 6 2	♣ 9 7 4
♠ 10 4 3	♥ J 10 8 6 5	♦ W N E S	♣ K J 9 8
♠ 6 5	♥ 6 4	♦ A Q 7 6	♣ K 9
		♠ A Q 2	

(Dealer: West. Both sides vulnerable.)

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT

By slightly different bidding three Souths got into that same contract in a pair event. West in each case leading the club J, and each East putting on the K. One South took that with the A, finessed the heart 10 to the J, played low on the club 9 to let the 10 win, won the third club with the Q, led the heart 4 to the A, finessed the spade J to the Q and watched West beat the contract with two more clubs.

The other two declarers knew enough to let the club K win the first trick and take the second with the A. They had counted up and saw that two tricks in clubs, three in diamonds, two top spades plus one with the J or 10 and one in hearts would add to nine. So to the third trick they led the spade 2, the Q winning. West returned the club 5 to the Q. The spade J, diamond K, A and Q, spade A and K made eight tricks and one of these declarers then led to the heart A for his ninth.

The other declarer did some counting before leading to the heart A. Reading East for the diamond J and the heart K-J, he led his last diamond. East had to pitch back into the heart A-Q to give South an extra trick.

Tomorrow's Problem

♠ A K Q 8 3	♥ A 7 6 4	♦ K 7 2	♣ 10
♠ 9 5 2	♥ Q J	♦ W N E S	♣ 10 5 3
♠ 6 3	♥ Q 6 3	♦ A Q 9	♣ 8 5
♠ 10 5	♥ K 9 8	♦ A J 9 8	♣ K 7 4 3

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In Retrospect

50 Years Ago

December 23, 1897

POLITICAL OUTLOOK—Pottstonians are looking forward to the 1898 political campaign. John M. Wells and Horace A. Custer are mentioned for assembly, while Abraham H. Hendricks seems assured of the county district attorneyship. Mifflin A. Campbell may run for county sheriff.

PHS ALUMNI BANQUET—The High School Alumni association's annual banquet will be held Dec. 28 in Pennsylvania hall, Walnut and York streets. An address will be made by Alfred N. Kaim, of Philadelphia. The caterer is John G. Gilbert.

CANAL EMPTIED—The Schuylkill canal water is now out and Abbie Engle must of necessity cease his abutions until the blue birds return from the South.

SKATE ON THIN ICE—Skaters were seen on Glasgow dam of Manatavny creek, but they kept near the shore, for the ice is thin.

25 Years Ago

December 23, 1922

DOGS POISONED—Charles Kemp, of 893 South street, reported to police two of his valuable dogs have been poisoned. "Those dogs never annoyed anyone," he said.

COAL PICKERS BUSY—The scarcity of fuel has caused picking of coal to become a big industry. Railroad detectives are trying in vain to break up the practice. A car loaded with chestnut coal on a siding near Washington street was almost emptied by coal pickers.

SPIGEE PLANT A FIXTURE—Vice President C. W. Spicer, of the Spicer manufacturing company, and T. C. Vail, of the Plainfield, N. J., plant, last night assured Pottstown the plant is here to stay. Superintendent C. R. Guinee of the local plant was toastmaster at a dinner held at the Merchants hotel.

REPRESENTS SCHOOL TEACHERS—Principal Howard E. Slagen, of Pottstown High school, was elected delegate of the teachers association to attend the State Educational convention at Bethlehem, Dec. 27-30.

10 Years Ago

December 23, 1937

HOLIDAY MARKET PRICES—Christmas market prices include the following: Chickens, live, 25 cents a pound; drawn, 35 cents; eggs, 38 cents a dozen; butter, 43 and 45 cents per pound; beef ribs, 40 cents and rump steak, 32 cents a pound; sausage, 32 cents a pound; fresh ham, 32 cents a pound; lard, 15 cents a pound.

UNEMPLOYED REGISTER—Registrar R. Ross Longaker, of the State Unemployment Compensation bureau with offices at the Elks' home, reported 75 unemployed persons have registered for compensation. Assisting Longaker are Edward McGivoy, Pottstown; Catherine E. Delaney, Limerick; Ray Rapp, Pottstown; and Mrs. Florence Dougherty, Lower Merion.

CHURCH WEDDING—Miss Veronica Agnes Winnies, daughter of Vincent Winnies, this borough, was married yesterday to Earl Linwood Kulp, son of William E. Kulp, 31 West Second street. The ceremony was performed in Emmanuel Lutheran church by the pastor, the Rev. Luther A. Krouse. A reception was held at the Eagles' home.

Voice of Broadway

By DOROTHY KILGALLEN

News! News! News!

JERSEY JOE WALCOTT's life story will be offered to motion picture companies this week by two New Jersey newspapermen . . . Mrs. Bing Crosby (Dixie Lee) will accompany the Groaner after he finishes shooting "A Connecticut Yankee."

A Hollywood mogul has wagered \$1000, at 5 to 1 odds, that Gene Tierney and Oleg Cassini will reconcile in 1948. Inside info?

Joyce Matthews, who divorced Milton Berle previously, is so badly she could seek a career, hasn't taken a job yet.

A famous bartone is a candidate for Alcoholics Anonymous but won't admit it. His terrific binges mean cancelled engagements and heartache for his family . . . Most item of the week: Terence Kennedy, former son-in-law of the Aga Khan, tells friends that the Countess Jeanne de Salver, the former Duchess de Choiseille, has asked him to sell her famous pearls. She received them from the Duke of Orleans; they originally belonged to Lady Hamilton.

YOUR HEALTH

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M. D.

JUST as the outside of the body is covered with protective linings called the skin, so the body's cavities, such as the mouth, the stomach, the windpipe and the larynx, have their protective linings made up of a material known as the mucous membrane.

The surface of the membrane is made up of a special form of the same general type of cells as form the skin. Sometimes overgrowth of these cells may occur to cause either wide-spread or spotty thickening of the tissue. When such overgrowth occurs in the larynx or

Boy Scout Troops Devote Meetings To Yule Programs

Christmas Week put a crimp in Boy Scout activities Monday night, as several troops postponed meetings, while most of those which did gather held brief sessions.

Troop 6 spent most of its meeting in learning the ins and outs of fire extinguishers from Calvin Fry, chief fireman for the Bethlehem Steel plant.

Under his supervision they tested and re-loaded six fire extinguishers in Trinity Reformed church. It was discovered that all extinguishers were still in good condition since the last check-up, but Fry and the nine scouts added an extra bit of power to them.

The leaders of the troop voted to go to William Whittman's cabin behind Niantic Jan 1 to warm up the place for the younger members who will arrive the following day for a three day camping trip.

Scoutmaster Warren Hoover announced that each scout going should bring \$3 to cover food cost.

Troop 8 had one of the biggest attendances of a dull night as 18 were on hand in Emmanuel Lutheran church. The meeting opened with test-passing that saw Joseph Faust and Martin Wambold pass knife and ax work for the second class requirement.

After a variety of group games, inexpensive gifts were exchanged and the meeting, which was in charge of Leonard Almond, assistant patrol leader and Scoutmaster Donald Fries, ended with refreshments.

Troop 2 held its Christmas party at the home of the parents of the of Alfred Yeger, assistant scoutmaster, Mr and Mrs Fred Yeger, 629 Grant street.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stichter and Mrs. Robert Fox, who acted as chaperones. Stichter, who is scoutmaster, also played several accordion solos and led singing of carols.

Winners of a game of Dub-nug, involving dice and bugs, were James Takach and Thomas Heimbach. After the game session, elaborate refreshments were served by the Yegers.

A Christmas party also was the order of the night for Troop 18, which saw 12 of the 13 registered scouts meeting in St. James Lutheran church.

Group games were played, followed by a drawing for an exchange of gifts. Scoutmaster Edward Jameson was presented with a shirt and tie by members of the troop, and refreshments provided by him were served by Charles Yeger, troop scoutmaster.

It was announced that the troop's Winter camping trip to Camp Delmont would be made Jan. 16, 17 and 18.

Troop 7 was again hard at work in its project for Boy Scout Week in February, when the troop will exhibit phases of pioneering. The

7-Year Term



Frederick Flick (above), 64-year-old German industrialist, was sentenced to seven years imprisonment yesterday in Nurnberg, Germany, by an American military tribunal for exploiting slave labor and looting German-occupied countries.

lean-to was brought near completion, and the dozen boys present began work on a rustic bridge for a model creek. In addition to making the bridge of cedar, the scouts gathered several cedar trees root and all, from the home of Scoutmaster Raymond Stichter, who also has provided the three-foot grass used in making the lean-to.

Stichter said that the proposed Winter camping trip must be postponed again, since the stove ordered

for the troop cabin in Chester county still has not arrived.

The troop members of Scout Troop 1 held a brief meeting devoted chiefly to a briefing on proper clothing and equipment needed for the three-day visit to Camp Hopewell

of the cooking would be done at the camp site. The meeting ended with games and carol singing.

Class of 17 Received Info Church Fellowship

A class of 17 were recently received into the Church Fellowship of the Baltimore Evangelical United Brethren church.

They include the Rev. and Mrs.

Robert Mays, 206 Queen street, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Sampson 774 Charlotte street, Mr. and Mrs.

Mrs. Irvin Shollenberger, 1032 Queen street and the Rev. and Mrs. John L. Smoker and son Richard.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Freese, 1424 Walnut street, Harriet Irene Schaffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schaffer, 600 Franklin street, and Charles Woodward son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirby, Hiddleston. The Rev. John F. Smoker is pastor.

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Republicans Believe Treasury Statement Points to Tax Cut

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—A Treasury department analysis of the relationship between rising living costs and present tax exemptions was hailed by Republicans today as an argument for an immediate income tax reduction.

Representative Kean (R-NJ), member of the tax-framing House ways and means committee, told reporters "the Treasury report indicates to me the Administration is thinking about tax reduction and that President Truman will have some tax recommendations in January."

Following the relation of taxes and rising living costs, the Treasury analysis said an adjustment would require an individual income tax exemption "of about \$550 merely to restore the substantive levels prevailing in 1944, the time of the enactment of the \$500 per capita exemptions."

Kean interpreted this as an argument for tax reduction, saying:

"I agree in general that the cost of living has increased to such an extent that the \$500 exemption does not give the same fair treatment to the low incomes as when this exemption level was adopted by Congress."

The Treasury report said lower income taxes would tend to dampen "demands for wage rate increases" but it added that if tax rates were cut or exemptions increased, the revenue loss might require "heavier reliance on excise or sales taxes," and possibly "indirect tax revenues."

Significance was attached to the survey since it was published shortly after Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.), of the Ways and Means committee, introduced a new Republican bill calling for a \$5,600,000,000 slash in income levies. The measure will come up for action when Congress reconvenes in January.

The Treasury, however, made no direct recommendations for tax law changes and did not comment upon the Knutson bill. The report is one of a number it has sent to Congress periodically for use in considering tax law revisions.


On the day Knutson introduced his tax bill, President Truman dashed cold water on the idea that the condition of the Treasury justified immediate tax reduction.

The Treasury report says that \$824 is needed now to buy what \$500 would buy in 1939. Therefore, it said, if tax relief is to be given by changing personal exemptions, it would be more in line with living costs to give the taxpayer and his wife higher exemptions than those allowed for children or other dependents.

The taxpayer and each dependent now has a flat \$500 exemption. Knutson's new bill proposes that the exemption be raised from \$500 to \$600, that husbands and wives in all states be allowed to split the family income equally for tax reporting purposes and, in addition, cuts be allowed across the board ranging from 30 percent in lower income brackets to 10 percent in the upper brackets.

Representative Engel (R-Mich) commented that the Treasury is "thinking in the right direction."

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when it suggests higher exemptions for heads of families."

The Michigan member has a bill pending proposing that the head of a family be given a \$1500 exemption instead of the present \$500.

Chinese May Take Troops From Mukden

NANKING, Dec. 22 (AP)—Chinese government quarters voiced fears today that Mukden might have to be abandoned in the face of Communist operations now frankly characterized as the "seventh Manchurian offensive."

Acting Defense Minister Chin Teh-chun told the weekly memorial meeting of the Kuomintang (government party) that the present Communist offensive would "meet the same fate as the six former campaigns" in the past two years, all of which expired against stubborn government defense.

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ALL DAY CHRISTMAS

Ex-GI Greets German Bride-to-Be He Has Never Seen; Calls Her 'Perfect'

STEELETON, Dec. 22 (AP)—An ex-GI and his 25-year-old German sweetheart came face to face today for the first time in their year-long sight unseen romance nurtured by love letters across the Atlantic.

William F. Breitweiser, 27, Steelton steelworker, described his bride-to-be as "perfect" and said "she's everything I hoped for and more."

Responding with an ardent embrace after a trans-Atlantic air trip from Bensheim, Germany, Liselotte Satorious exclaimed:

"He's just wonderful. I am completely happy."

The romance started when wavy-haired, bespectacled Breitweiser befriended the girl's brother, Rudolph, a German war prisoner at Edgewood, Md., where the GI had been stationed.

The steelworker sent clothing and food to Rudolph after the war and the latter in turn forwarded a photograph and a letter from Liselotte, starting a long correspondence.

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A family style turkey dinner will start the festivities.

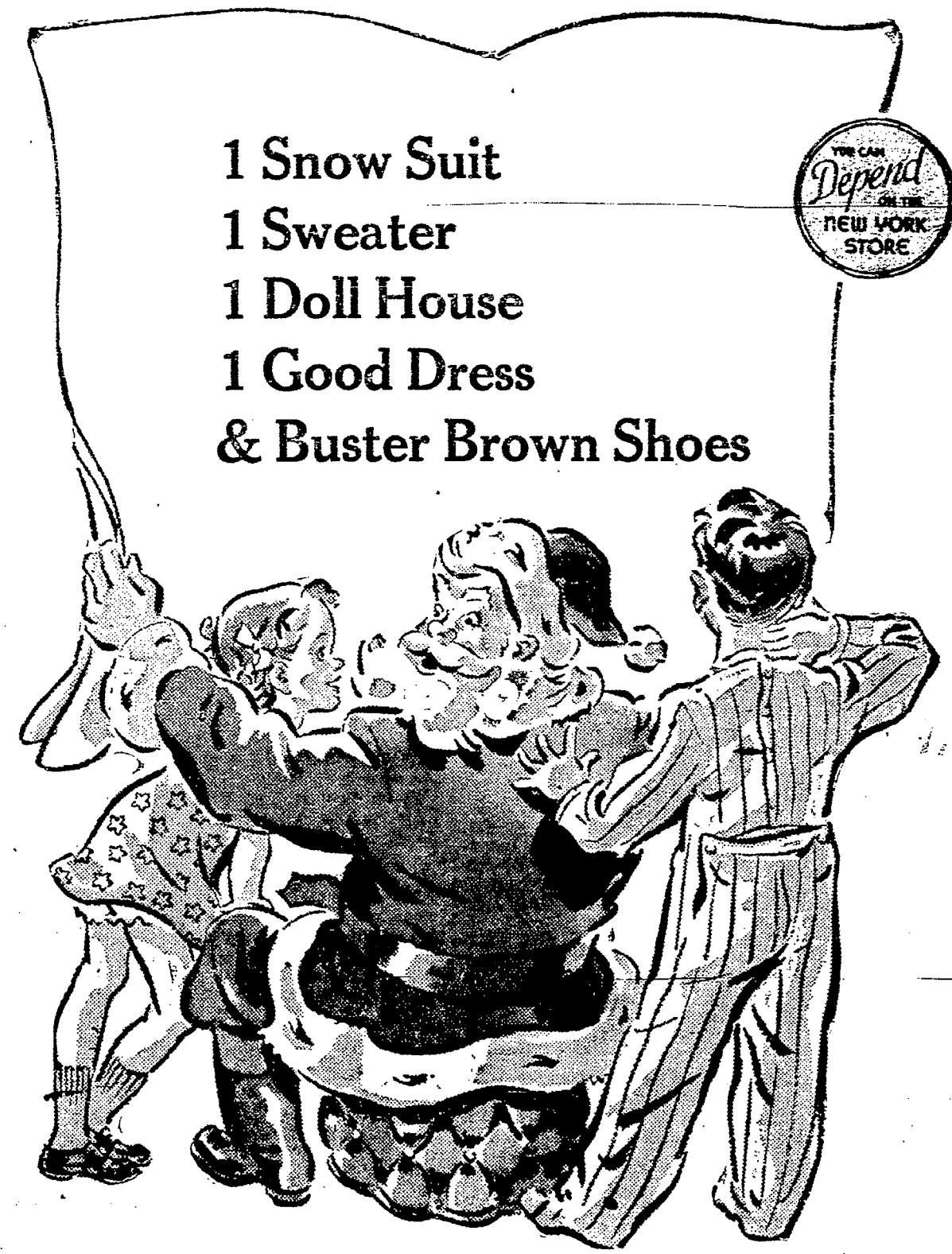
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Normal Class Holds Christmas Party In Emmanuel Church

A beautifully decorated tree, warm fire burning in an artificial fireplace, evergreen boughs and candles helped to create an atmosphere of festivity last night when the Normal class of the Emmanuel Lutheran church staged a Christmas party in the classroom.

Carols were sung by the group which was led by Mr. David Fithian, chairman of the entertainment committee.

Voluntary selections were rendered by Mrs. Leroy Moyer, Mrs. Ambrose Freese, Mr. Albert Koechel and Mr. Fithian, while Miss Iva Spicht, organist, accompanied.

Gifts were exchanged under the direction of Mrs. Fithian who played Santa Claus.

Members of the Manthorne Players presented a play, "Grandma's Christmas," and Mrs. Florence Manthorne gave a reading, "The Christmas Pudding." The Christmas story was told by the Rev. Luther A. Krouse.

Refreshments were served to guests, which numbered about 100, by the refreshment committee.

It was announced that the next meeting will be held on Dec. 29 in the classroom.

Mildred Ludy Becomes Bride in New York City

Mrs. Helen Ludy, of 570 Jefferson avenue, announces the marriage of her daughter, Mildred E., to Mr. Earl H. Strouse Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Strouse Sr., 550 Willow street, on Saturday afternoon in the Little Church Around the Corner in New York City.

The bride wore a gray gabardine suit with maroon accessories and a corsage of gardenias.

Mrs. Strouse was graduated from Pottstown Senior High school, class of 1941, and is employed by Jacobs Aircraft company. Mr. Strouse attended Pottstown High school and is employed by the Levensgood Dairy.

The couple is spending a short honeymoon in New York.

HOSPITALS

POTTSTOWN
Admitted: Marion Woodworth, Glen Moore, medical; Walter Kosciak, Philadelphia, medical; Joseph Rooney, Philadelphia, medical; Jennie Davis, 122 King street, medical; Mrs. Anna Petrowski, Pottstown RD 4, maternity; Kenneth Kehler, Pottstown RD 4, surgical; J. Evans Thomas, 41 High street, medical; Mrs. Alma Aiken, 661 Chestnut street, maternity.

Discharged: Mrs. Joyce Bingham, 72 West Fifth street, maternity; Theresa Pasco, Stowe, medical; Daniel Barto, Pottstown RD 2, surgical; Cecil Showers, Perkiomenville, surgical; Martin Dobbs, Spring City, surgical; Joseph Gunther, 415 York street, medical; Mrs. Elsie Miller, Linfield, maternity; Diane Landis, 518 Spruce street, medical; Mrs. Louise McCarragher, 260 Beech street, maternity; Frances Maurer, 51 West Third street, medical.

MEMORIAL
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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hagan, of the University of Maine, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lewis G. Varney, of the Shuler house.

Mrs. Mabel Kauffman, of 145 King street, and Miss Estella E. Winters, of 308 Chestnut street, recently entertained the Rev. Charles Stalker, of Columbus, Ohio, at a luncheon in the Kauffman home. The Rev. Stalker is leaving for Liverpool, England.

Raymond Laver Feted On Birthday Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Laver, Elverson, staged a surprise birthday party recently in honor of their son, Raymond.

Games were played and refreshments served.

Guests present were Mr. Richard Nesley, Miss Elsie Miller, Mr. James Varonam, Miss Ruth Guest, Mr. Russell Loomis, Miss Ellen Guest, Mr. Clifton Guest, Miss Anna Pierce, Mr. Paul Kulp, Miss Violet Dampman, Mr. Tom Guest, Miss Helen Laver, Mr. Harold Kulp, Miss Grace Laver, Mr. Ronald Kulp, Miss Charlotte Laver, Mr. Ned Guest, Mr. Vernon Guest and Miss Dot Walgreen.

Christmas Toys Donated By Girl Scout Troop 13

Toys were donated to the Salvation Army last night by members of Girl Scout Troop 13, of Stowe, when they held a meeting in the St. Peter's Lutheran church parish house.

A Christmas party was staged following the short meeting, at which time the birthday anniversaries of Barbara Gruber and Mary Ann Cobbe were observed.

A gayly-decorated tree lent a festive spirit to the party as the girls exchanged gifts and sang carols.

Games were played and refreshments were served by Peggy Schneider and Gloria Francis, members of the refreshment committee.

Scouts present were Elaine Wien, Mary Ann Burard, Shirley Clapper, Nancy Skiles, Nancy Panfil, Shirley Stettler, Cora Dangler, Beverly Barrett, Mariene Gaudier, Isabelle Fizekas, Peggy Edwards and Jane Mest.

Leaders present were Mrs. Sally Pierce and Miss Ruth Mest.

Social Calendar

Lady Owls—Meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the IO of A building. Refreshments will be served and gifts exchanged.

Lady Orioles drill team—Meeting tonight at 7 o'clock in the IO of A building.

Girl Scout Troop 14—Meeting tonight in the Kenilworth school for a Christmas party.

Girl Scout Troop 8—Meeting tonight in the parish house of Christ Episcopal church. A Christmas party will be held.

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Women's Page

Navy Mothers Plan Christmas Party; Pack Cheer Baskets

Plans for a Christmas party to be held on Dec. 26 at the Blossom restaurant were completed last night at a meeting of the Navy Mothers in Emmanuel Lutheran church.

Mrs. Gwladys Hillpot, president, presided over the meeting.

Navy mothers desiring reservations were asked to call Mrs. Arlington Freese, phone 3787-M, at their earliest convenience.

It was announced that the donations for the Navy hospital in Philadelphia on a recent visit were given by the Boyertown service mothers, wives and sisters.

The donations consisted of five dozen wash cloths, three bushels of apples, two dozen large tubes of shaving cream, two dozen small tubes of shaving cream, three dozen tubes of tooth paste, 240 bars of candy and 32 boxes of Christmas cards.

Christmas cheer baskets are being packed. Persons wishing to donate were asked to bring canned goods to the home of Mrs. Mollie Endy, 335 Chestnut street. A party will also be held at the home of Mrs. Endy on Jan. 5. All Navy mothers are invited to attend.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 12.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE
IF THIS is your birthday, you are blessed with keen insight. You are a capable person, and have much ability. Generous in your judgments, you always are willing to help someone. You are also alert, cautious, confident and successful in all your undertakings.

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Mary Bear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bear, Birdsboro RD 2.

Roderic Wilke, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilke, 765 North Adams street.

Betty Stepp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stepp, Linfield.

Lois Jacqueline Hardaker, Quinter street, Stowe, aged 14 years.

Helen Dertine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Dertine, 181 Sheridan street.

Nancy Rightmour, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Rightmour, 84 South Hanover street.

Constance Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall, 656 Walnut street.

Patricia Glutz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Glutz, 1223 Maple street.

Robert L. Rhoads, son of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Rhoads, 125 King street, aged five years.

Mrs. Gladys Ulrich, Colebrookdale.

Ralph K. Mahr, of Sanatoga.

Yesterday

Jerry Dale Pech, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pech Jr., of Flowing Springs, aged six years.

David Elias, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Elias, 516 Walnut street, aged 17 years.

Scout Troop 9 Auxiliary Stages Christmas Party

The Scout-O-Rama award and the Valley Forge Pilgrimage award were presented to the members of Scout Troop 9 last night when the Ladies' auxiliary of Troop 9 staged a party in Forrester's hall.

Mr. Russell Geiger, chairman of the troop committee, made the presentation before parents, friends and committee members.

Entertainment was provided by Shirley Kramer who gave several recitations; Kenneth Boyer, magician; Leonard Donmoyer Jr., troop mascot who sang several Christmas songs; and the scouts, who performed several amusing stunts.

Mrs. Harry Donmoyer led the group in singing while Mrs. Leonard Donmoyer, pianist, accompanied.

Mrs. David Minninger, new president, was in charge of the program due to the illness of Mrs. Kenneth Mest, retiring president.

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Memorial Hospital Personnel Feted At Christmas Dinner

In the dining room last night at the Memorial hospital, nurses and members of the hospital personnel enjoyed a Christmas dinner.

The dinner was given by the hospital board with Mr. Ernest V. Hunter as its head; Junior auxiliary with Mrs. S. Russell Ash as president, and the medical staff with Dr. S. Russell Ash as chief.

The dining room was decorated with greens, candelabra, Christmas balls and favors. An old Dutch cabinet was also decorated with a snow man surrounded by choir boys and angels. A gaily trimmed Christmas tree had 400 presents around its base.

Gifts were exchanged and each person received a token of appreciation from the sponsors.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Today
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richards, 323 North Evans street, 48 years.

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Ahar, 365 Charlotte street, 57 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin M. Kurtz, 131 Chestnut street, 25 years.

Anniversary Feted With Venison Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wendell Frederick, of 898 Queen street, celebrated their wedding anniversary recently with a venison dinner.

The couple received many lovely gifts.

Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Donmoyer, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Donmoyer, and son, Leonard, Mrs. Edith Hackman, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mest, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Raugh Sr. and son, Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Raugh Jr., Raymond Frederick and Cair Frederick.

Violet Brunner Engaged to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Brunner, of 149 Chestnut street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Violet, to Mr. David J. Shirey, son of Mrs. Agnes Shirey, Boyertown RD 2.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Brunner is employed by Edward Shuwall company and Mr. Shirey is employed by March Brownback company.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Aiken, of 661 Chestnut street, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter yesterday in Pottstown hospital.

Congratulations are being received by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Petrowski, of Pottstown RD 4, on the birth of a son yesterday in Pottstown hospital.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Application for marriage licenses were made at the Montgomery county courthouse, Norristown, by: Isaac G. Schlichter, Limerick and Anna M. Phipps, Trappe.

Alfred H. Barto, and Eva M. Brey, both of East Greenville.

Harry Bertatie, 204 Elm street, South Pottstown, and Doris Kappenstein, Boyertown RD 2.

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Kenilworth Children Enjoy School Party; Santa Claus Present

Children of the Kenilworth school enjoyed a Christmas party yesterday afternoon in the school auditorium. Miss Elizabeth Bertolet acted as Santa Claus and distributed a gift to each child.

Movies depicting the Christmas season also were shown.

Mrs. Elmer Rothenberger, president of the Kenilworth PTA, was in charge of the arrangements. Decorations consisted of Santa Claus cutouts and a decorated tree. Parents and pre-school age children were present.

Christmas Party Held For Brownie Troop 19

A Christmas party was held by Brownie Troop 19 yesterday afternoon in the social room of Trinity Reformed church under the leadership of Mrs. Melvin Unneberg and Mrs. Clarence Smith.

Games were played and prizes won by Nancy Ellen Van Buskirk, Nancy Heimbach and Marjorie Levan.

Refreshments were served on an appropriately decorated table in keeping with the Christmas season. The brownies also received gifts from their leaders.

Children present were Marsha Boughter, Mary Ann Clemens, Caroline Fox, Linda Haines, Donna Hums, Betty Lou McCall, Roberta Jane Miller and Barbara Noll.

Dual Engagements Revealed at Party

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Paul 222 North Charlotte street, announced the engagements of their two daughters, Janet and Eleanor Mest, at a recent party in their home.

Janet is engaged to Mr. Harold Herlinger, son of Mr. Harry Herlinger, 34 Beech street, and Eleanor is engaged to Mr. Kenneth Herlinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Herlinger, 431 Jefferson avenue.

No wedding dates have been set.

Fire Company Auxiliary To Send Christmas Gifts

It was decided to send Christmas gifts to the sick members of the Ladies' auxiliary of the Sanatoga Fire company last night at a Christmas party staged in the firehall.

Gifts were exchanged and carols were sung under the direction of Mrs. Sidney Graham.

Refreshments were served at a later hour. Mrs. Dorothy Drumheller was in charge of the refreshment committee.

Members present were Mrs. O. C. Bearcraft, Mrs. Sadie Moyer, Mrs. William Bearcraft, Mrs. Barry Swavel, Mrs. Elizabeth Rhoads, Mrs. Ella Brooks, Mrs. Anna Paul, Mrs. Charles Paul, Mrs. Ida Boyer, Mrs. Horace Skene, Mrs. South Smith, Mrs. Suzanne Fitch, Mrs. Earl H. Walt and Mrs. E. G. Moore.

The next meeting will be held on Jan. 26 in the fire hall.

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Supreme Court Hits Illinois Procedure; Opens Murder Case

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (P)—The Supreme court reopened a 22-year-old murder case today and three justices denounced Illinois procedure which they said denies convicted persons only a legal "go-round" when they complain their constitutional rights have been violated.

The sharply worded criticism was written by Justice Rutledge, who was joined by Justices Douglas and Murphy. It appeared in a concurring opinion filed along with a unanimous one which grants an appeal by one Tony Marino for a new trial in a 1925 murder case.

The rest of the high court confined itself to a finding that Marino was denied due process of law at his trial in 1925 and that the circuit court of Winnebago county, Ill., was wrong when it turned down his petition for habeas corpus.

Illinois, through the state attorney general, had conceded that much. The case now goes back to the Winnebago court.

Both the main ruling and the Rutledge concurrence rectified the same circumstances of alleged violation of constitutional rights.

Marino, 18 years old, only two years in this country from Italy and unable to speak English, was sentenced to life imprisonment within a week of his indictment. No attorney was appointed for him. He did not personally sign a waiver of jury trial. An arresting officer served as interpreter for him but there is doubt that he adequately understood what was going on. No real guilty plea ever was entered although the record showed such a plea. And the trial judge knew those facts though they did not appear in the record.

Elsewhere in the record it was brought out that the killing victim was a 77-year-old janitor and that Marino was arrested in Beloit, Wis., and returned to Illinois without extradition.

Rutledge said that of 339 petitions filed in 1944 by persons, mostly prisoners, who claimed they could not pay an appeal fee, 141 came from Illinois. The 1945 count was 393 petitions with 175 from Illinois. In 1946 it was 528 and 322.

Rutledge said that experience had convinced him that "the alleged state remedy (in Illinois) is nothing but a procedural morass offering no substantial hope of relief."

In that circumstance, he declared, "It would be nothing less than an abdication of our constitutional duty and function to reoff petitioners with this mechanical formula—the requirement that all Illinois remedies be tried first."

"The trouble with Illinois," Rutledge declared, "is not that it offers no procedure. It is that it offers too many, and makes them so intricate and ineffective that in practical effect they amount to none."

Commenting caustically on the "fine" Illinois distinctions between cases in which habeas corpus and other legal moves are applicable, Rutledge said that only an oracle could pick out the right root. He said only one rational conclusion may be drawn:

"It is that the Illinois procedural labyrinth is made up entirely of blind alleys, each of which is useful only as a means of convincing the Federal courts that the State road which the petitioner has taken was the wrong one."

"If the Federal guarantee of due process in a criminal trial is to have real significance in Illinois, it is imperative that men convicted in violation of their constitutional rights have an adequate opportunity to be heard in court. This opportunity is not adequate so long as they are required to ride the Illinois merry-go-round before getting a hearing in Federal court."

Along with the Marino case, the Supreme court handed down a ruling that claims for refund of Federal income taxes must be filed within two years after payment and three years after the return.

That rule applies, Justice Murphy said in the eight to one majority opinion, "whatever the reasons giving rise to the claims."

The decision overturned findings of the United States District court in Oklahoma City and the Court of Appeals in Denver. They had granted a \$1053 refund to the Liberty Glass company. The claim was entered in March 1944, against a payment made in March, 1941.

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Boys Find Skeleton While Seeking Bee Hive

CONSHOHOCKEN, Dec. 22 (P)—A skeleton, lying in a heavily wooded section off Germantown pike, was found today by three teen age boys looking for a bee hive they discovered the past Winter.

There was a leather belt suspended from a tree above the skeleton, which was clothed in a weather beaten overcoat. Patrolman Lloyd Frankfield of the Whitemarsh township police said he believed the man committed suicide a year ago or possibly the past Spring.

TOJO TO TESTIFY

TOKYO, Tuesday, Dec. 23 (P)—Chief Prosecutor Joseph B. Keenan said today that Hideki Tojo, premier of Japan when she struck Pearl Harbor, probably will take the witness stand in his own defense in the international war crimes court Wednesday. (Tuesday night, U. S. date).

U. S. Cuts Demands for Police Forces

To 15 Divisions; Issue Still Unsettled

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 22 (P)—The United States has agreed informally to modify its original demands for a United Nations security force with a minimum of 20 divisions it was learned today.

The offer was made in a sub-committee of the U. N. military staff committee, which has been deadlocked for months over Russian demands for a much smaller force. It was understood that the new U. S. offer failed to break the deadlock.

Although the discussions have been held in the strictest secrecy, informed quarters said the United States had offered to modify its original figures as follows:

1. Land forces might be fixed at 15 divisions instead of 20 divisions as an absolute minimum.
2. Air forces could be limited to 28,000 instead of 38,000.
3. A slight modification in the minimums for the naval forces, which originally would have included six carriers and three battle-ships. No specific figures were available on the revised naval strength suggested by the U. S.

Informed quarters said no progress had been made on the principle to be followed in fixing the con-

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Youth Dies, Another Hurt

As Airplane Crashes

AVONDALE, Dec. 22 (P)—One youth was killed and another seriously injured today when their two-seater biplane crashed on a farm near Kennett Square, State police reported.

Police men filed the dead youth through a verbal paper as Lewis P. 1004 Deterne, age 23, of No. 1 B. W. N. J. His camp near Cattle, Pa. was also about 20 of N. B. C. was reported in critical condition in Chester county hospital at West Chester.

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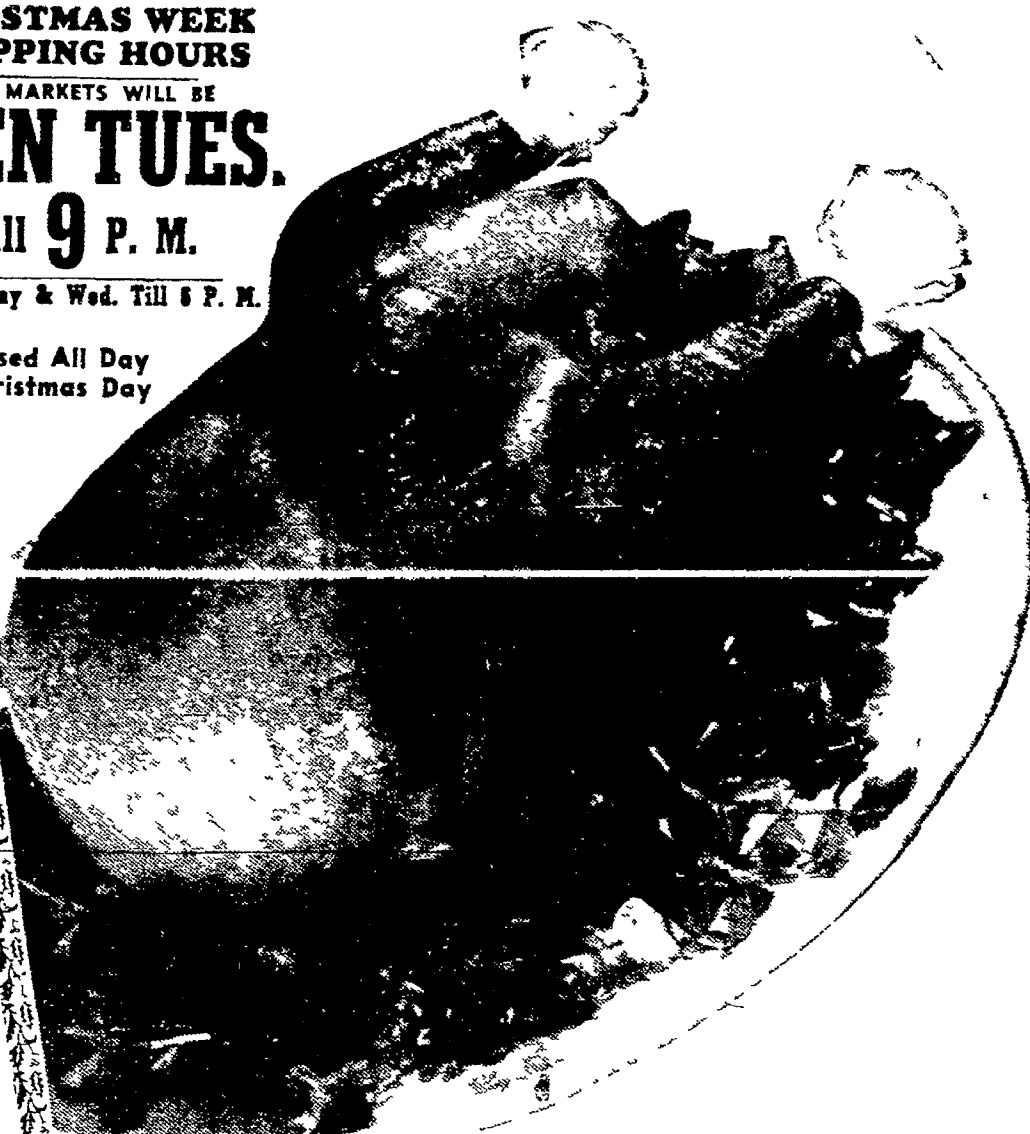
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Truck Freight Rates Set Up for Area, Effective March 1

Major carrier freight rates for commodities were set up by the Public Utility Commission in Harrisburg for the York Valley area, including Pottstown.

For rates, all minima will take effect March 1, 1948, and although they affect a myriad of goods, will result in virtually no price increases, since the minimum rates are mostly similar to those now in effect.

After several years of requests by a carriers' committee from southeastern Pennsylvania, the PUC acted, and the new law is expected to stop cut-throat competition in this area.

Freights, which were described as stabilization rather than an increase, are in line with current market schedules.

The operations affected by the new order are between commodities in an area which includes Philadelphia, Delaware county and Lancaster, and on the southwest side of the Schuylkill river, on the west by Birdell, Bucktown, Pottstown, Boyertown, Bally and Pottsville, and on the north by Perkasie, Doylestown, Newtown and Pottsville.

Patrolman Shoots Two Ohio Teen-Agers After Gun Battle and Three-Mile Chase

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 22 (AP)—Events after he had seen the car State Highway Patrolman James Mansberger shot and critically wounded two teen-agers tonight in the heart of downtown Columbus after a running three-mile gun battle through throngs of hurrying Christmas shoppers.

Mansberger said he narrowly escaped death when a high-powered rifle bullet crashed through the windshield of his patrol car and clipped away the collar of his uniform.

Lt. Merle Mock identified the gun men as Dennis V. Zappone, 19, and Eugene Butler, 17, both of Wooster, Ohio. Both were reported in a critical condition at St. Francis hospital.

Mock said the men fired at a woman motorist at Wooster at 6:15 p. m., threw her out of the car and fled toward Columbus.

Mansberger told this story of the chase:

"I couldn't miss it," he said, "because this Buick made a wild swing off Nelson road onto Broad street. I whirled around, siren roaring and spotlight focused on it."

"I had hardly got turned around when that shot came through the windshield, spraying glass all over me," he said. "Then I really got mad."

"I figured it was just a matter of time before they cracked up because the traffic was so terribly heavy. We kept weaving in and out of cars. One kid in the back seat—Zappone, I believe it was, kept firing at me."

They snatched two cars in the first mile or so, but somehow managed to keep going.

hotel they entered through a rear door and ran almost head-on into a patrol car. The Buick overturned.

"I jumped out armed with my own high-powered rifle and ordered them to surrender. This car Zappone came out shooting and I let him have a high round through the chest. The other kid was still in the back seat, and I could see him trying to back over. I shot through the car, fracturing the man's powered bullet, and he right through and got him. It did—right in the chest."

VIENNA GALE KILLS SIX

VIENNA, Dec. 22 (AP)—A 65-mile-an-hour wind hit Vienna's homes, damaged outlying today. City officials reported six persons died and 110 suffered injuries. Five were killed in the collapse of a single house.

Woman Found Dead in Gas-Filled Home

LANCASTER, Dec. 22 (AP)—A 75-year-old woman was found dead today in her gas-filled home today.

The dead woman was Mrs. Clara Weller, 75, of Lancaster. Her brother, Grant Weller, was unconscious and deputy coroner Dr. Charles P. Stahl, said he was not expected to recover.

Poke entered their Lancaster home through a second floor window after a neighbor had telephoned saying he smelled gas.

Dr. Stahl said death was caused by asphyxiation. She was found seated in a chair in the kitchen. The man was seated in a living room chair.

Establishing from a gas water heater but added that the gas was not burning. He said the heater was covered with dust and apparently had not been used in some time.

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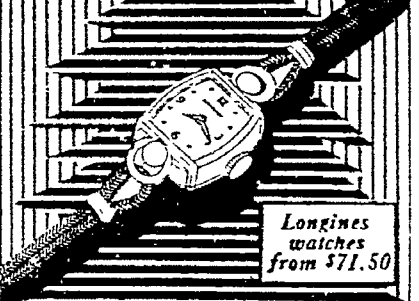
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TREASURY BALANCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—The balance of the Treasury Dec. 18: Treasury, \$394,409,712.84; expenditure, \$237,205,574.43; balance, \$22,204,138.41; total debt, \$257,043,570.11; total debt, \$257,043,570.11; decrease under previous day, \$3,672,618.66.

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SWEET POTATOES Northern Golden 2 1/2-bag **20c**
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Army Court Martial Sought for Officer Who Took Checks

CAMP LEE, Va., Dec. 22 (P)—Lt. Col. Alfred G. Texley, Camp Lee investigating officer, today recommended trial by a general court martial for Capt. Edward P. Kelley, who disappeared from the camp Dec. 1 with pay checks of 37 fellow Army officers.

Following a hearing, Colonel Texley recommended the court martial on these charges:

Two specifications of embezzlement and two of forgery under the 93d Article of War; six specifications of publishing checks without a bank account under the 96th Article of War and 15 specifications of being absent without leave under the 61st Article.

The recommendations, along with all evidence in the case, were sent by special messenger immediately to Fort Meade, Md., for review by the commanding general of the Second Army.

The next action in the case will be up to the Second Army commandant. He will make the final decision concerning the trial and set the time and place.

Military authorities here hastened their investigation of the Kelly case in order to retain jurisdiction. The Denville, N. J., man is scheduled for separation from the Army Dec. 30.

Lt. Col. K. W. Dalton, inspector general and public information officer here, said military officials at Camp Lee were ready to put the 40-year-old Kelly on trial this week if the court martial is ordered.

Kelly, whose promotion from lieutenant to captain came while he was a fugitive, would face an FBI charge of embezzlement if he were released from the Army without having been tried.

Kelly vanished from Camp Lee with the 37 checks totalling almost \$15,000. Three were cashed and the others returned to the camp in a plain envelope postmarked Richmond.

Later the man wrote his wife, Mrs. Mary Kelly, who was present at the hearing today, from Tampa, Fla., stating that he planned to give himself up. This he did in New York.

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After having one of her five kidneys removed, Betty Seipp, 4, is shown convalescing at a Chicago hospital. She cheerfully holds up five fingers, one for each kidney. Dr. Knowlton E. Barber, urologist, who performed the operation, said the Seipp case was an extremely rare one. He explained that Betty was born with a double kidney on her right side and triple kidneys on the left side.

York, surrendering to military police.

For a few days he was kept at Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa., where Army officers said he was "mentally depressed." They reported late last week that he needed no further hospitalization and he was returned to Camp Lee Saturday.

ACTRESS SEEKS DIVORCE

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 22 (P)—Actress Ann Southern announced through her studio today that she will file suit tomorrow for a divorce from actor Robert Sterling. The grounds of the action were not made public.

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Trade Conference Heads for Snag On Quota Limits

HAVANA, Dec. 22 (P)—The first major crisis in the Havana trade conference appeared imminent tonight as delegates of the United States and other industrialized countries prepared to "lay on the line" their opposition to quotas and other "quantitative restrictions."

Tomorrow's debate on this subject—"QR" as it is called in the meetings—was expected to bring some strong statements from the American delegation and those of similar views. It was believed they would present a "take it or leave it" attitude.

"Underdeveloped countries," principally those of Latin America, have been firm in their insistence that the article on "QR" in the proposed international trade organization charter must be amended to allow the use of quotas or similar control methods.

A member of the American delegation, who declined to be quoted by name, said tonight this conference, called by the United Nations to work out the ITO charter, would be "considered a failure if blanket permission for 'QR' is granted in the charter."

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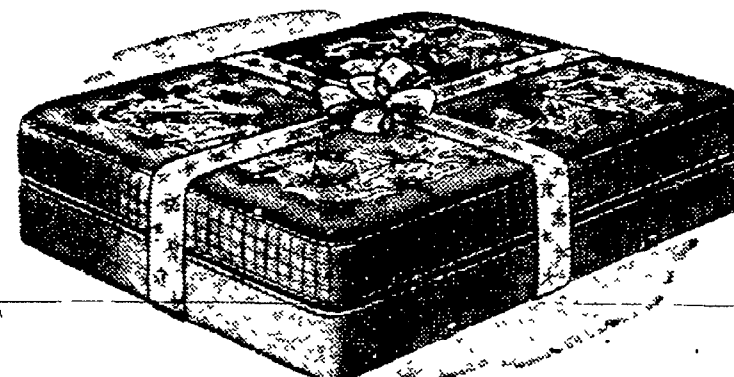
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Three Deaths Reported As Violence Continues On Holy Land Front

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22 (AP)—Jewish informants said tonight the British navy had intercepted a refugee ship which had attempted to run the Palestine blockade with 800 uncertified Jewish immigrants.

The passengers, who sailed from European waters after the outbreak of partition violence in the Holy Land, were reported to have named their ship the Al Tafchidum (You Can't Frighten Us).

Meanwhile, two Jewish adults and a child lost their lives in communal violence. Their deaths brought to 304 the number of persons killed in the Holy Land since the United Nations voted for partition Nov. 29, an unofficial tabulation showed. The toll for the entire Middle East stood at 424.

Frontiers facing Palestine virtually were closed tonight to all non-Arabs as Middle East Nations adjacent to the Holy Land intensified their preparations for war against Zionism.

Inside Palestine where Christians face the prospect of a Christmas celebration in a troubled land, fighting broke out south of Jaffa. Two Jews were killed in that sector as Hagana defenders of Bat Yam engaged in a gun battle with Arabs in the village of Yahel. Arab informants claimed an Arab also was killed there, but this was not confirmed.

A nine-year-old Jewish boy also was killed when Arabs attacked a Jewish bus in the same general area. The driver was wounded.

Another group of Arabs killed a Jewish policeman on guard duty at the Sarafand military camp and stole his rifle.

British authorities, cracking down on gun-running, announced the arrest of 46 Arabs.

In the face of the bitter Arab-Jewish fighting some members on both sides were making their own personal peace.

In the port city of Haifa, Jews living in Arab districts have traded apartments with Arabs living in Jewish sections. Jews and Arabs also are working side by side on the docks, and in the oil refinery and have co-operated to speed the shipment of Palestine's citrus crop.

Haifa's warehouses were overcrowded and several ships were standing in the roadstead awaiting to discharge their cargoes because owners of incoming goods are afraid to expose them to the dangers of road transport in the interior of Palestine.

Transportation between the countries of the Middle East was hampered not only by the anti-partition fervor of the Arabs but also by the threat of a cholera epidemic in Syria. Syrian sources said three deaths already had been reported out of seven cholera cases in their country.

In the days of King Edward I it was a capital offense to burn coal in London.

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She Stays in U. S. for 90 Days



Miss Maria Formicola (left), 21, Italian girl, who faces deportation because her fiancé was killed in an accident before she arrived here recently to marry him, yesterday was admitted to this country for a 90-day period. Ex-GI Frank Alfidi (right), Yonkers, N. Y., music teacher, said Miss Formicola had accepted his marriage offer when he visited Ellis Island the past Saturday. (Story on Page One.)

Hakimi, 75, Selected New Iran Premier

TEHRAN, Dec. 22 (AP)—Ibrahim Hakimi, veteran 75-year-old Iranian politician whose policies have been a target for Soviet criticism, has been named premier to succeed Ahmed Qavam, it was announced today.

Reza Hekmat, speaker of the Iranian parliament, disclosed the choice. Hakimi stepped down as premier in January, 1946, to be succeeded by Qavam. Hakimi resigned at that time under pressure from Qavam supporters who sought a man capable of negotiating successfully with the Russians for removal of their occupation troops from Iran.

Qavam resigned as premier after failing to win a vote of confidence in the parliament 12 days ago. The parliament had previously declared void over Qavam's protest his agreement with the Russians for creation of a joint Russian-Iranian oil company to exploit oil resources in northern Iran.

That agreement was made during

the negotiations by Qavam with the Russians which ended in their troops withdrawing from Iranian soil. After the parliament acted the Russians accused Qavam of following a "treacherous policy" in dealing with Soviet authorities, and threatened to sever diplomatic relations with Iran.

Residents of Pacific islands used to sail their big canoes long distances using charts composed of leaf strips in rectangular frames.

MEYERS POSTS BOND

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—Major Gen. Bennett E. Meyers, 51-year-old wartime Air Forces purchasing officer, put up \$2000 bond today to assure his appearance before a Federal court in Washington Jan. 7 on charges of perjury and inducing others to swear to falsehoods.

In World War II, Costa Rica was the first American republic to declare war on the Axis.

Senator Backs Europe Aid on Self-Help Basis

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) said today he has an "open mind" on the amount and methods of handling proposed American economic aid but is "emphatically committed to the general objectives of saving Western Europe on a self-help basis."

His announcement was interpreted as leaving wide open the road to final Congressional agreement on the form and the extent of American help to be offered 16 western, non-Communist European nations.

Republican House leaders already have talked of coming up with a GOP plan as a less costly alternative to President Truman's proposed four year, \$17,000,000,000 program.

Vandenberg told reporters that he maintains an open mind on the amount of aid that may be necessary, on the method by which it may be administered and on "the impact on the domestic economy."

"I am open minded on the structure of the European recovery plan," he said. "But I consider the objective indispensable from the standpoint of intelligent American self interest. The whole question of procedure is legitimately open to debate."

The Michigan Senator said he knows nothing of a plan from the Republicans to present their own program, a move that House Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) indicated already is underway in that body. Vandenberg said, however, that he presumes the Republicans largely will be "together" when the program is finally brought to a vote in the regular session of Congress which begins Jan. 6.

Italian Assembly Adopts Constitution; Savoy Power Ends

ROME, Dec. 22 (AP)—The constituent assembly approved tonight a constitution for the Republic of Italy, thus formally ending the reign of the House of Savoy.

The vote, which marked the conclusion of 17 months of work on the charter, was 453 to 62, with most of the Monarchists and Nationalists casting negative ballots.

Enrico de Nicola, who under the constitution becomes the first president of the Republic, told the deputies in a message that they had completed an "historic document" upon which "the judgment of history would be serene." De Nicola has been serving as provisional president.

Italy actually was proclaimed a republic on June 9, 1946 after a plebiscite on the issue went against the monarchy. The last king, Umberto II, subsequently went into exile in Portugal.

Today's action was carried out solemnly and with emotion. The deputies cheered when Vittorio Emanuele Orlando, Italian premier in World War I and the last surviving member of the big four of the Versailles treaty, spoke of the work the assembly had done and ended with the words: "God save Italy."

Two other elder statesmen, Ivanoe Bonomi and Francesco Saverio Nitti, also were present. U. S. Ambassador James C. Dunn, British Ambassador Sir Victor Mallet and French Ambassador Jacques Fougues witnessed the proceedings.

There was applause and cheering when Umberto Terracini, Communist president of the assembly, announced the vote. Everyone stood.

Premier Alcide de Gasperi pledged his government to the new charter and expressed the hope

Woman Outwits Police and Newsmen; Takes Life in Leap From Hotel Window

CHICAGO, Dec. 22 (AP)—A 39-year-old woman phoned the Chicago Times today that she was going to commit suicide, then—after the newspaper rushed two policemen and a photographer to her apartment—she locked the photographer inside the flat, dashed past him, and leaped from a window three floors to her death.

When Mrs. Patricia Brody, an elevator operator called the Times office, newsmen kept her on the phone for 20 minutes

that the future would find the same concord that today's voting displayed.

Momentarily, at least, there were no major strikes in Italy, and there was at least a pause in the Leftist and Communist activities directed against De Gasperi's government, from which Communists and pro-Communist Socialists have been excluded.

While the policemen and newspaperman John Arabinko sped to the apartment.

When they reached her place, Mrs. Brody told the police she was in no trouble and had not asked for help. As the officers left the apartment, she double locked the door, with the photographer still inside.

Police Detective Peter Hallib said Mrs. Brody also used the name of Patricia Arnold. Her first husband was killed in the recent war. Her second marriage, to Milton K. Brody, operator of a wholesale novelty company here, ended in an annulment five years ago. Brody said she had been ill recently.

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23 German Officers Get Death Verdicts

At Polish Tribunal for War Atrocities

KRAKOW, Poland, Dec. 22 (AP)—Poland's biggest mass war crimes trial ended today in death sentences for 23 top ranking German SS (elite guard) officers, including a woman accused of sadistically putting 10,000 of her own sex to death at the notorious Oswiecim concentration camp.

All were attached to the staff of the camp. The prosecution estimated 4,500,000 victims of Nazism died there during the war of starvation, torture and on the gallows and in gas chambers. It was situated 50 miles west of Krakow.

The sentences were passed by the supreme national tribunal. There can be no appeal, although the defendants can address plans for clemency to the president of Poland. They were convicted of crimes against humanity.

In addition to the 23 sentenced to die, five defendants, including two women, were given life terms, six were given 15-year terms, two were sentenced to ten years and three to five years.

One of the 40 accused, Dr. Hans Munch of Munich, was acquitted. The woman accused of killing 10,000 women, Maria Mandel, 35, displayed no emotion when her death sentence was read.

Her chief assistants in the mass killings, Clara Brandel, 36, and Hildegard Martha Louise Lechert, 27, received life terms. Another woman defendant, Alice Orlowski, got 15 years.

Others sentenced to die in-

cluded Arthur Liebhenschel, 46, who succeeded Rudolf Hoess, one-time commandant at Oswiecim who was executed the past April for war crimes; Assistant Camp Commandant Max Grabner, 42; Hans Aumeier, 41; Johan Kremer, 64.

Kremer was convicted of putting thousands of war captives to

death by false medical experiments. The court, in reviewing testimony since the trial started on Nov. 21, unfolded what it described as a master plan of the Nazis to exterminate all Jews and Slavs, and people of all nations opposed to Hitlerism.

The court said the evidence dis-

closed that the Nazis planned to kill 10,000,000 Europeans each year in gas chambers and extermination camps.

Among those killed were 100 unidentified American citizens.

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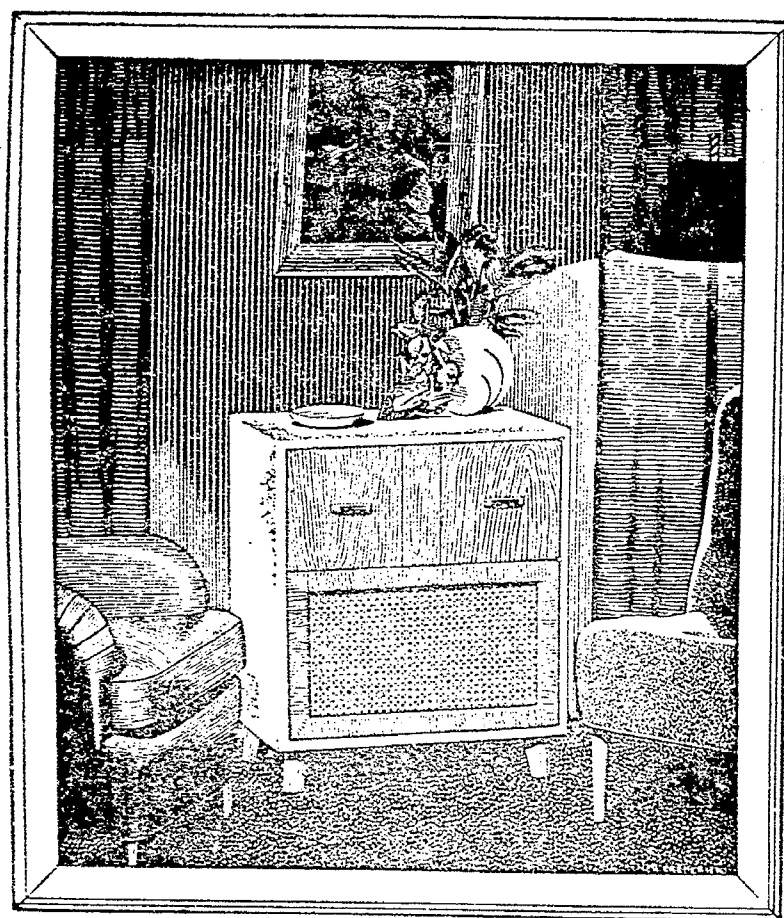
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MRS. LEON R. MEST, Repr. HARRY I. GILBERT, News
Phone 184 Phone 575
Philadelphia Ave. and Washington St.

Driver Escapes Injury After Automobile Hits Two Cars and Tears Down Fence

A freak accident which resulted in damage to three cars and an iron fence at an apartment at the corner of East Philadelphia avenue and Monroe street occurred about 3:30 p. m. Sunday when an automobile allegedly operated by Erma Desimone of Conshohocken got out of control after striking two cars and wound up in a backyard.

The vehicle, belonging to George A. McCouch, 514 Cherry street, Norristown, made a left-turn off East Philadelphia avenue, according to eye witnesses, struck a Ford coupe owned by John Lanko, 433 East Philadelphia avenue, s rapped a Buick sedan owned by Harvey D. Ritter, 501 East Philadelphia avenue, careened across North Monroe street into an iron fence surrounding a house occupied by the Lanko family and Mr. and Mrs. James Burfette, and came to a rest at the ash pile in the backyard.

Both Lanko's and Ritter's cars were parked on North Monroe street when the accident occurred. No one was injured. Damage to all three vehicles was confined to fender dents and scrapes but the iron fence post was snapped off and the fence knocked down.

GIRL KILLED BY TRUCK
NORRISTOWN, Dec. 22 (P)—Seven-year old Louise Stratton, a new pair of shoes bought from Christmas money clutched in her arms, was struck and killed by a truck tonight as she stepped from a bus at nearby Broadaxe, police reported.

Boyertown Classified
Deaths 1
RENNINGER—Near Shanesville, on Friday, Dec. 19, 1947, Jennie E. (Bertolet), widow of William H. Renninger, aged 61 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from Schwab Funeral Home, 124 W. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown, Pa., on Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. Further services in St. Joseph's Hill Lutheran church, Intermont in Hill Church cemetery. Friends may call Monday evening 7 to 9. (Schwab)

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High School Notes

Boyertown High school is taking on a festive air, not only because of the approaching Christmas season but also because decoration by a Philadelphia firm for the school club manufacturers' show, "The Spotlight is on Boyertown," began yesterday morning.

The front of the building outside is decked in laundry-fresh bunting, while workmen are preparing the gymnasium and library for the exhibits which will be housed there. The show is scheduled for Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, Dec. 27, 29, and 30.

Boyertown High Bears meet Hamburg High tonight at Hamburg in a league game. Both varsity and junior varsity teams will see action.

Homeroom parties were held in the high school yesterday and decorations which took days to put up by student committees began coming down in a few minutes as the students prepared for a long holiday which begins today at noon. But trees and other Christmas regalia won't go to waste since much of it will be used at the Junior class New Years dance on Friday, Jan. 2.

The annual Christmas program will be held this morning at 10:30 a. m. Lawrence E. Grim, high school principal, yesterday asked students to invite their parents and friends to see the musical play, "A Christmas Carol," which is under the direction of Ida M. Reinert.

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Randall Weller Weds Shirley M. Latshaw

The marriage of Shirley Marguerite Latshaw, 223 East Third street, Boyertown, and Randall Leroy Weller, 209 East Third street, took place the past Saturday at 2 p. m. at the parsonage of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church, Boyertown. The Rev. David P. Longacre, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony.

Attendants were Madelyn V. Frey and Royden F. Weller, brother of the groom. The bride wore a street-length dress of winter white, with black accessories. She also wore a corsage of gardenias.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Latshaw, with whom the couple is residing. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Weller.

Following the ceremony Saturday, a wedding supper was held at the home of the bride's parents, 223 East Third street.

\$15,000 Loss Caused At Brick Plant Fire

READING, Dec. 22 (P)—More than 50 employees of the Glen Gery Brick company's Shoemakersville plant lost their clothing, money, jewelry, keys and other possessions in a fire which completely gutted a brick locker room at the plant early today. The lockers were made of wood.

The company said the origin of the fire had not been determined but that damage to the building and personal possessions would probably total \$15,000. Firemen of the Leasport, Shoemakersville and Hamburg companies confined the fire to the locker room which building was adjacent to the manufacturing plant.

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MEETINGS
Girl Scouts of Troop 11 tonight at 7 o'clock in Church of the Good Shepherd, Evangelical and Reformed.
Troop 1 Boy Scouts of Boyertown tonight at 7 o'clock in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church.
Boyertown Lodge 78 IOOF tonight at 7:30 o'clock in IOOF hall.
Boyertown Lions Club annual Christmas party tonight at 6:30 o'clock in Boyer Towne inn. Refreshments will be served and Santa Claus will distribute gifts.

College Students Come Home for Holidays
College and university students from Boyertown and vicinity are home for the holidays. Most of them will not return to their studies until January 5.
Among those home are Jean Kohler, Sergeant college, Cambridge, Mass.; Curtis Herb and Robert Conrad, State Teachers college, Bloomsburg; David Geschwind, University of Rochester, Rochester, N. Y.; Lee L. Henry, Mercersburg academy; Gerald Karver, Penn State; Richard Grabert and Durrell Blank, State Teachers college, West Chester; Robert Miller, Penn State; Miriam Kulp, Ursinus college, Collegeville; David Longacre, Gettysburg college; Jacob Longacre, Harvard college; and Howard R. Harding, Muhlenberg college, Allentown.

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40 Children Attend 100% Yule Party

Nearly 40 children of members of Boyertown Lodge 78 IOOF attended the annual Christmas party at the IOOF hall, 35 East Philadelphia avenue.

Motion pictures were shown by Jerry Hatt, Boyertown. A brass quartet played Christmas music. Members were Lee Johnson, Henry D. Johnson, Schaeffer, and Harold L. Johnson. Cream and cookies were served. Santa Claus was present and distributed gifts, candy and oranges to the kiddies present. Doris Fry, a grade student in the high school, played several piano selections.

Present were Robert Graber, Steward Reinert, Gary J. Ruth, Ann Yousse, Gordon J. H. Alton Meyer, Carl B. B. Meyer, Malard, Harold Mallard, Shirley Burns, Barry Shollenberger, Carl Stautler, Garry Conrad, Fay Stahl, Nancy Stahl, William Stahl, Marjorie Johnson, Laura Jean Johnson, Carol Jean Groff, Donald Evans, Larry Evans, Sandra Kerlin, Phyllis Binder, Elaine Binder, Jeannette Ellen Geiger, Frank Friz, Karen Nester, Ronald Fryer, Eugene Stahl, Karen Rhoads, Peter Mercer, Susan Mercer, Sharon Bechtel, Steven Koto and Geradine Koto.

DEATHS — FUNERALS
MRS. MARY E. JAFOLLA, 55, widow of Vincent Jafolla, contractor, died the past Saturday at her home, 3421 OLD YORK ROAD, PHILADELPHIA, following a long illness. She is survived by six daughters: Sister Miriam Vincent, IHM, Mrs. Adolph Tampe, Mrs. Fred Barth, Mrs. Francis Manfredi, Mrs. James W. Milhouse, and Rita Jafolla; one son, D. Richard, 109 West Philadelphia avenue, Boyertown; four brothers; and two sisters.
Solemn requiem Mass will be sung at St. Stephen's church, Broad and Butler streets, Philadelphia, tomorrow at 10 a. m. Burial will be made in Holy Cross cemetery, Philadelphia.

PERSONALS
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Knouse, 647 East Philadelphia avenue, will leave today for Pittsburgh where they will visit at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Rowe. They plan to remain in Pittsburgh one week.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY
Norman Grofe, a serviceman of Boyertown RD 2, stationed in Germany, will observe his birthday today.

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Liberty Fire Company, New Berlinville, Pa.
CHILDREN — 12 YEARS OLD AND UNDER
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40 Children Attend 100% Yule Party

Nearly 40 children of members of Boyertown Lodge 78 IOOF attended the annual Christmas party at the IOOF hall, 35 East Philadelphia avenue.

Motion pictures were shown by Jerry Hatt, Boyertown. A brass quartet played Christmas music. Members were Lee Johnson, Henry D. Johnson, Schaeffer, and Harold L. Johnson. Cream and cookies were served. Santa Claus was present and distributed gifts, candy and oranges to the kiddies present. Doris Fry, a grade student in the high school, played several piano selections.

DEATHS — FUNERALS
MRS. MARY E. JAFOLLA, 55, widow of Vincent Jafolla, contractor, died the past Saturday at her home, 3421 OLD YORK ROAD, PHILADELPHIA, following a long illness. She is survived by six daughters: Sister Miriam Vincent, IHM, Mrs. Adolph Tampe, Mrs. Fred Barth, Mrs. Francis Manfredi, Mrs. James W. Milhouse, and Rita Jafolla; one son, D. Richard, 109 West Philadelphia avenue, Boyertown; four brothers; and two sisters.
Solemn requiem Mass will be sung at St. Stephen's church, Broad and Butler streets, Philadelphia, tomorrow at 10 a. m. Burial will be made in Holy Cross cemetery, Philadelphia.

PERSONALS
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Knouse, 647 East Philadelphia avenue, will leave today for Pittsburgh where they will visit at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Rowe. They plan to remain in Pittsburgh one week.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY
Norman Grofe, a serviceman of Boyertown RD 2, stationed in Germany, will observe his birthday today.

KIDDIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY
AT THE
Liberty Fire Company, New Berlinville, Pa.
CHILDREN — 12 YEARS OLD AND UNDER
All Members' Children and all Children of this community are invited to a Kiddies' Xmas Party at this company on Christmas Morning, Dec. 25, between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
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Paul Kleinspehn Seeks License as Private Detective

Paul Kleinspehn has filed an application for a license as a private detective in Berks County court and Judge Forrest R. Shanahan fixed Tuesday, Jan. 6, for a hearing.

Kleinspehn, who will retire as chief county detective on Monday, Jan. 5, states in his application that he has 25 years' experience in detective work and that at one time he held a private detective license for 13 years. He is represented by Mark C. McQuillen, Reading attorney.

Kleinspehn will retire as chief county detective as the result of the appointment of Edward E. Barr, Mt. Penn chief of police and a former State policeman, as acting county detective by John E. Ruth, district attorney elect, who made his appointments the past week. Ruth also named Edward W. Davis, former Reading police sergeant, as a special county detective.

Kleinspehn served as chief county detective under District Attorney David Sharman, who was defeated for the post in the bitterly-fought September primary race.

Kleinspehn, who has worked closely with local police, is a member of Boyertown Democratic club and the local Lions club.

Barr, new acting chief detective, is 37 years old and is a native of Berks county, having been a resident of Pennside since 1941. He was retired from the State police on pension in February 1947, after 16

Boyertown Midshipman To Make Navy Cruise

Midshipman Robert I. Miller, a Naval Reserve Officers Training corps student at the Pennsylvania State college, will be among a class of midshipmen from United States Naval academy, Annapolis, Md., and Penn State, which will make its annual tour of European waters and countries in June and July.

The midshipman training cruise will leave from Norfolk, Va., on June 5 and will return on July 31. Ports of call include London and Paris.

Miller, who returned to Boyertown the past Saturday, is stationed at Mt. Alto NROTC barracks. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, 27 South Jefferson street.

NEW CHAIRMAN NAMED

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (P)—Winston H. Thornburg, New York advertising man, today resigned as chairman of the board and board member of the National Draft Eisenhower League, Inc., and was succeeded by Stuart Scheffel, 37-year-old publisher.

years of service as a criminal investigator. He is married to the former Dora Hadley of Birdsboro. The couple has three children.

Standard Oil Boosts Gasoline Cent a Gallon

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22 (P)—Price increases on all Standard Oil Company of Pennsylvania petroleum products sold in the Philadelphia area were announced today.

The raises were: Fuel oil, 19 cents a gallon to 12 cents; gasoline, 1 cent a gallon to about 23.2 for ordinary and 25.2 for premium; kerosene, 1.6 cents a gallon to 13.2 and industrial heavy oil by 46 cents a barrel.

SCHWENKVILLE

Miss Mary C. Moser, corr., Russell

The choir of the Jerusalem Lutheran church will present their annual candlelight service Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The Chorus, Junior, and Senior choirs are directed by Miss Barbara Rae Cressman, organist.

The annual Christmas eve services sponsored by the Young People's league will be held at the commun-

ity Christmas tree on the bank lawn at 7.15 p. m. The program will be preceded by Christmas music from

lem Lutheran church beginning at 7 p. m. Santa Claus will appear after the devotional service and present gifts to the children.

NEWS REPORTER DIES

WEST BERLIN, N. J., Dec. 22 (P)—William H. Harkward, 39, a reporter for the Philadelphia Daily News, died unexpectedly of a heart attack today at his home here.

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ON THE AIR TUESDAY

MORNING				
Time	KYW 1060 K	WCAU CBS 120 K	WFIL ABC 560 K	WTP MBS 610 K
6:30	Morning Salute	Jamboree	Songs of Plains	Dawn Patrol
7:00	News	Jamboree	Jack Day Sings	News Music
7:30	News	Amos & Andy	Farmer's Market	News Patrol
8:00	News	Amos & Andy	Amos & Andy	News Patrol
8:30	News	Amos & Andy	Amos & Andy	News Patrol
9:00	News	Amos & Andy	Amos & Andy	News Patrol
9:30	News	Amos & Andy	Amos & Andy	News Patrol
10:00	News	Amos & Andy	Amos & Andy	News Patrol
10:30	News	Amos & Andy	Amos & Andy	News Patrol
11:00	News	Amos & Andy	Amos & Andy	News Patrol

AFTERNOON				
Time	KYW 1060 K	WCAU CBS 120 K	WFIL ABC 560 K	WTP MBS 610 K
12:30	Babe Miller and Lunchers	W. Warren: News	Welcome	Glenn Miller
1:00	Melody Magic	Amos & Andy	Amos & Andy	Amos & Andy
1:30	Amos & Andy	Amos & Andy	Amos & Andy	Amos & Andy
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4:30	Amos & Andy	Amos & Andy	Amos & Andy	Amos & Andy
5:00	Amos & Andy	Amos & Andy	Amos & Andy	Amos & Andy

EVENING				
Time	KYW 1060 K	WCAU CBS 120 K	WFIL ABC 560 K	WTP MBS 610 K
6:30	News	News	News	News
7:00	News	News	News	News
7:30	News	News	News	News
8:00	News	News	News	News
8:30	News	News	News	News
9:00	News	News	News	News
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10:00	News	News	News	News
10:30	News	News	News	News
11:00	News	News	News	News

Gasoline Refinery Damaged by Blaze

OLEUM, Calif., Dec. 22 (AP)—An estimated half million dollar fire damaged the Union Oil company's gasoline refinery here today, halting traffic on U. S. highway 40 as 100 men battled an hour and a half before bringing the blaze under control.

G. H. Hennan, refinery manager, said the fire would cause "no loss in production." He declined to make an official estimate of the damage, but workers placed the figure at approximately \$500,000.

Gasoline was sprayed over the 460-acre plant when the refinery pressure system let go following what Hennan said was a line rupture in the thermal cracking unit manufacturing gasoline.

The fire spread to an adjoining vacuum unit for the manufacture of lubricating oil.

Spicer Employees Group Asks Court for Charter

By Staff Correspondent
NORRISTOWN, Dec. 22—Application for a charter has been filed with the court by the Spicer Employees' Aid association, a non-profit corporation, of Pottstown.

In its petition, the organization specifies that some of its aims are to establish a Summer camp for its members and their families, to devote its funds and energies to the advancement of worthwhile civic and charitable causes in Pottstown, and to promote and encourage educational, recreational and social activities of its members.

A list of the organization amount to \$29,375.88, according to the latest treasurer's report.

Incorporators listed in the petition are John Ehling, 330 Vine street, Stowe, Pa.; W. E. Weiser, 1088 South street, Pottstown; Osborne Jeffries, 113 Chestnut street, Pottstown; Wilmer Meyer, 616 Rhoads avenue, Boyertown; Vincent Grumm, 1121 Semoling avenue, Pottstown; Donald Fillman, 130 Beech street, Pottstown; and James Kelly, 64 North Warren street, Pottstown.

New Yugoslav Army Marks 6th Anniversary

BELGRADE, Dec. 22 (AP)—A tenuous salute opened the celebration today of the sixth anniversary of the founding of the new Yugoslav army, and Belgrade newspapers devoted almost their entire editions to articles and speeches proclaiming its strength.

Three full pages were given to a speech last night by Lt. Gen. Svetozar Vukmanovic before Premier Marshal Tito and other high-ranking Yugoslav military leaders. Vukmanovic charged "American imperialists" with plotting war against Russia and pro-Soviet countries.

He said the Yugoslav army was "unshakable" and was necessary to point out that "an American imperialism is preparing, regardless of their ability, for a new war—a war to master the world."

Vacation Starts Today For St. Aloysius Pupils

Pupils of St. Aloysius Parochial school will start their Christmas vacation at the end of their classes today.

The youngsters will be dismissed this afternoon and will not have to return to school until Jan. 3.

Petroleum is composed chiefly of hydrogen and carbon.

Increase in Taxes French Yule Gift

PARIS, Dec. 22 (AP)—Finance Minister Rene Mayer gave Frenchmen an unwelcome Christmas present today when he attached a number of stiff tax increases to his over-all program for bolstering the French economy.

He announced tax hikes on radios, night clubs, colonial and petroleum products as the national assembly neared approval of his economic program, which already includes a heavy tax on profits and incomes in the upper brackets.

The assembly got down to discussion of individual articles in the program and it was indicated that final approval would not come until tomorrow morning. It was believed two or three days more would be needed to vote the government's total budget of 900,000,000,000 francs (\$7,560,000,000).

The annual tax on night clubs was set at 400,000 francs (\$3360) and it was believed that many of the smaller cabarets would be forced to close. No new clubs will be permitted after Jan. 12.

Taxes on radios owned by private persons were raised from 350 francs a year (about \$3) to 650 francs. Duties on coffee, tea, vanilla, cocoa and pepper from the colonies were increased.

YMCA Extension Group To Go on Caroling Tour

A group of Christmas Eve carolers will meet at Beech and Grant streets at 9 o'clock tomorrow night for a vocal tour of the neighborhood, under the auspices of the YMCA Extension division.

The itinerary includes stops at Grant street near Lincoln avenue, Walnut and Warren streets, and Washington street near Lincoln.

Refreshments will be served at the homes of Mrs. Minnie Sutton, 630 Lincoln avenue, and of Miss Vivian Mobley, 421 Lincoln avenue.

The Christmas holiday brought about a change of schedule in the weekly motion pictures shown in Betham Center by the "Y" extension division and they will be shown at 7 o'clock tonight instead of Thursday night.

Educational films and short subjects will make up the program.

Noah Numskull

DEAR NOAH: WHEN AN ELECTRICIAN IS IN A HURRY ON HIS WAY "OHM," DOES HE TAKE A SHORT CIRCUIT?

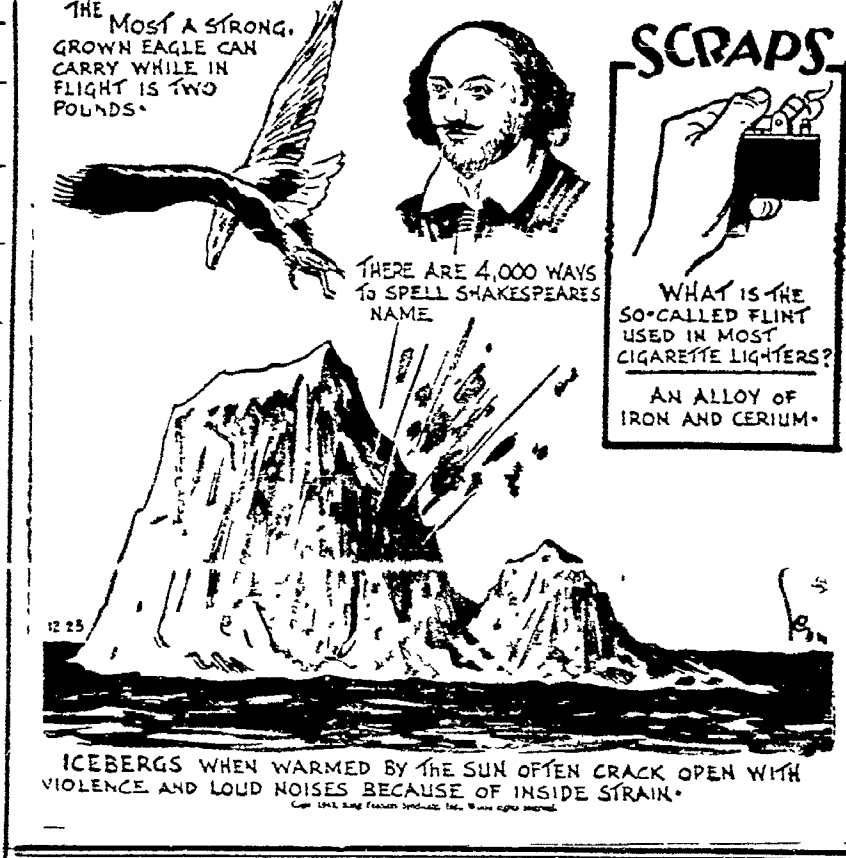
FLORENCE SHIRLEY
HOLDENVILLE, OKLA.

DEAR NOAH: WILL YOU AGREE THE NEW LONG SKIRTS COVER A MULTITUDE OF SHIRTS?

JEFF CLAYTON
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SEND YOUR "OHMS" TO "NOAH"—Reprinted by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

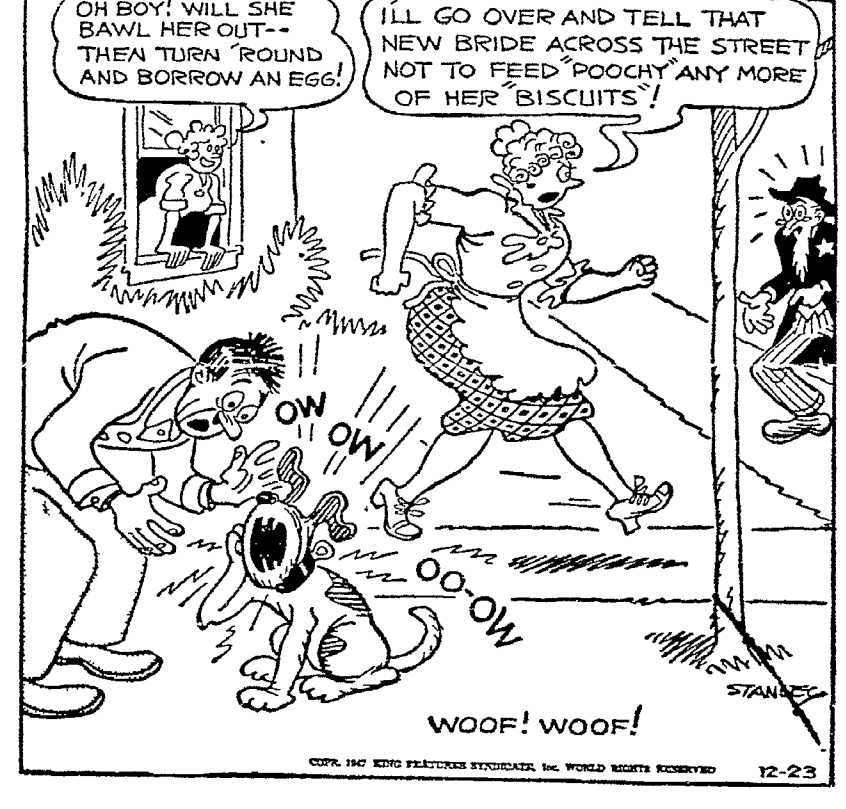
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ROOM and BOARD by Gene Ahern

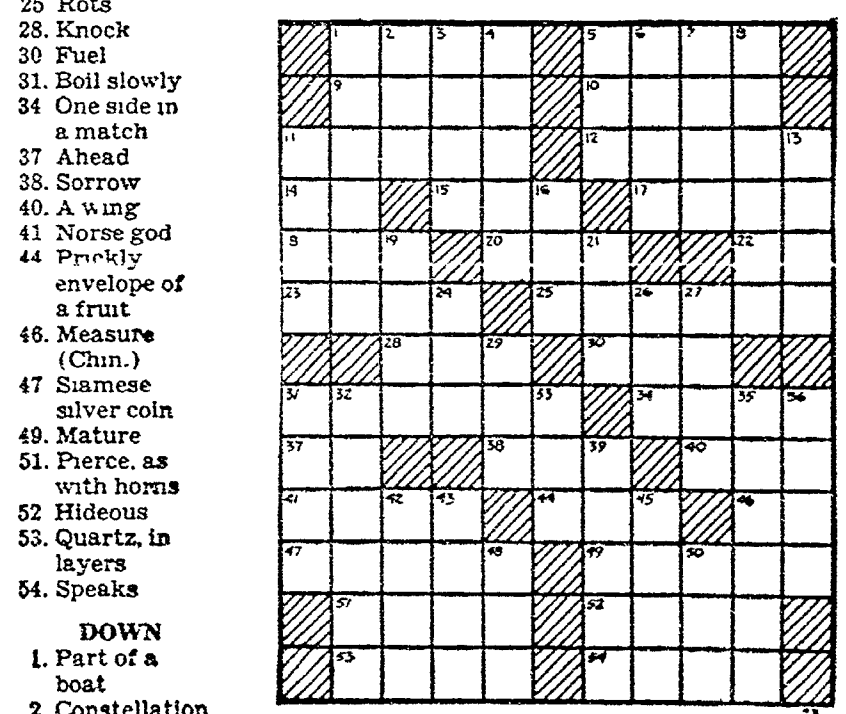


The Old Home Town by Stanley



TODAY'S Crossword Puzzle

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1. Pant | 1. Part of a boat |
| 2. Encampment | 2. Constellation |
| 3. A faction | |
| 4. A fold, as of cloth | |
| 5. Gear-wheel tooth | |
| 6. Exclamation | |
| 7. Belonging to me | |
| 8. Composition in verse | |
| 9. Infant | |
| 10. Buck-eye state | |
| 11. Spear of grass | |
| 12. Civet-like animal | |
| 13. Muberry | |
| 14. Devour | |
| 15. Apportion | |
| 16. Plead | |
| 17. Spinning toy | |
| 18. Sun god | |
| 19. Oiled | |
| 20. Rots | |
| 21. Wooden pin | |
| 22. Knock | |
| 23. Fuel | |
| 24. Boil slowly | |
| 25. One side in a match | |
| 26. Ahead | |
| 27. Sorrow | |
| 28. A wing | |
| 29. Norse god | |
| 30. Precisely | |
| 31. Envelope of a fruit | |
| 32. Measure (Chn.) | |
| 33. Siamese silver coin | |
| 34. Mature | |
| 35. Pierce, as with horns | |
| 36. Hideous | |
| 37. Quartz, in layers | |
| 38. Speaks | |

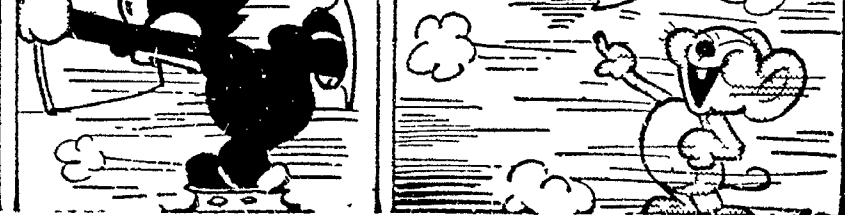
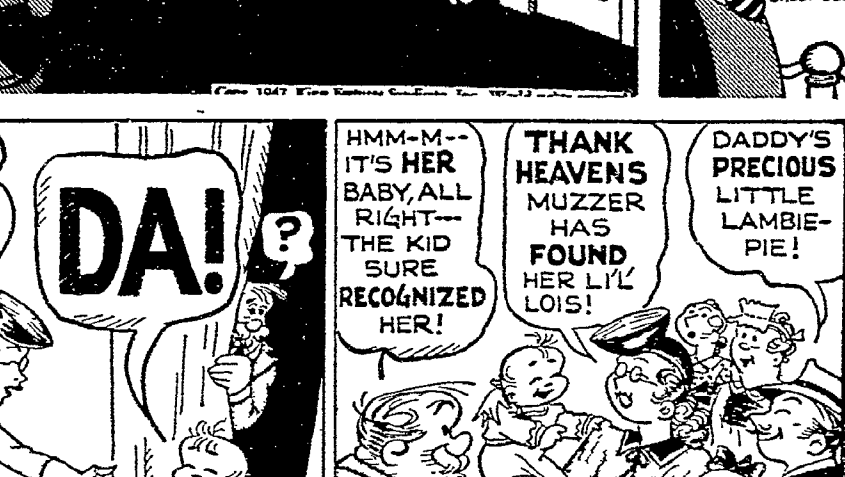
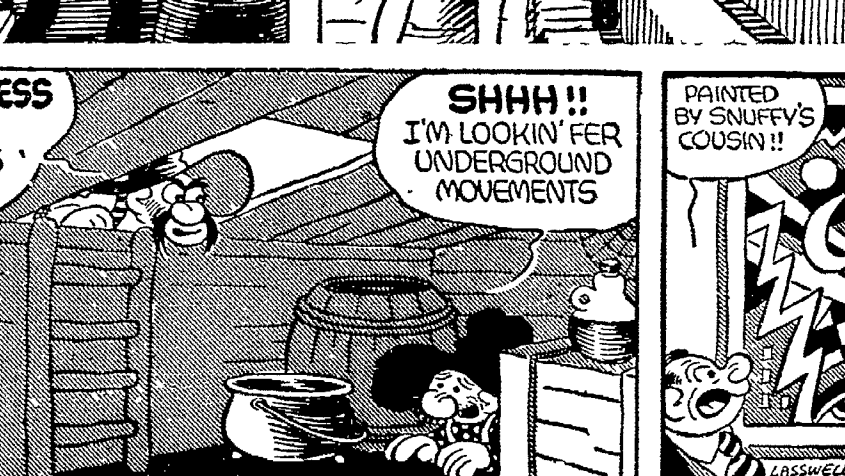
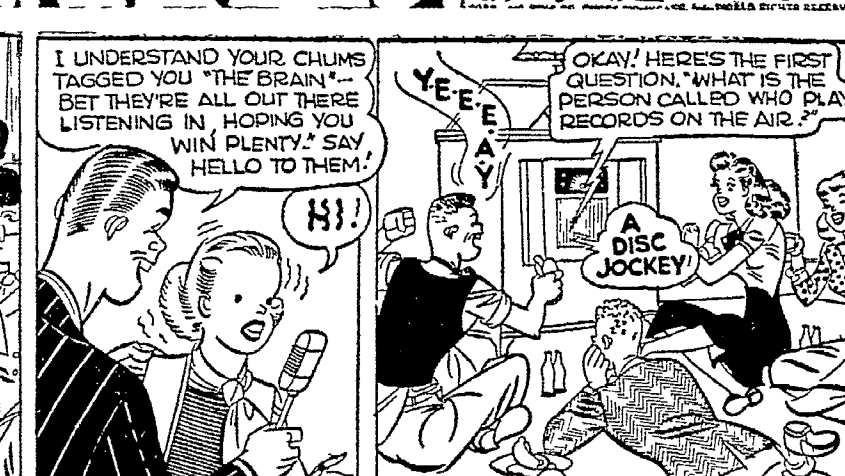
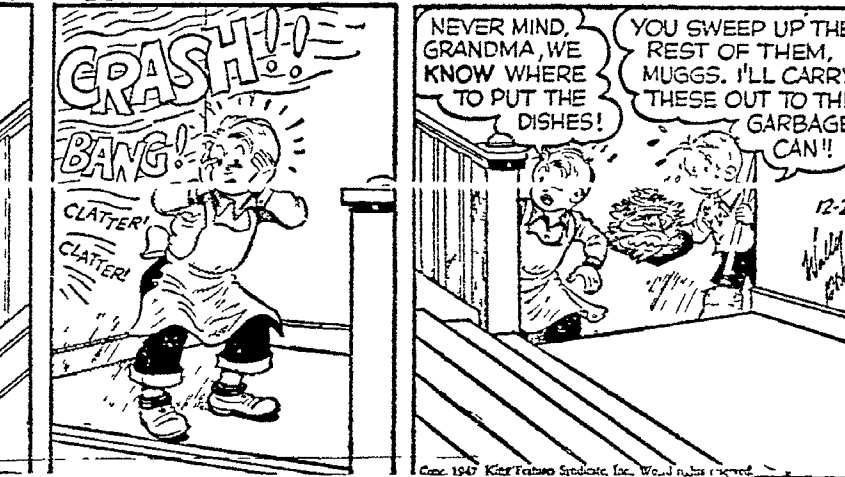
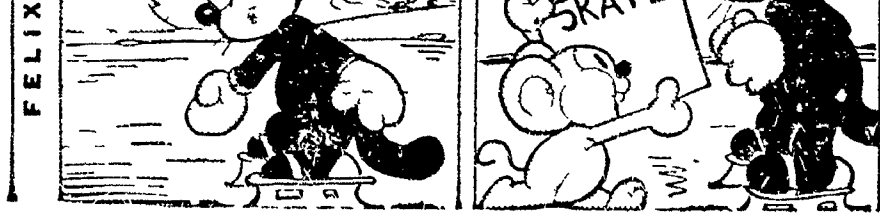
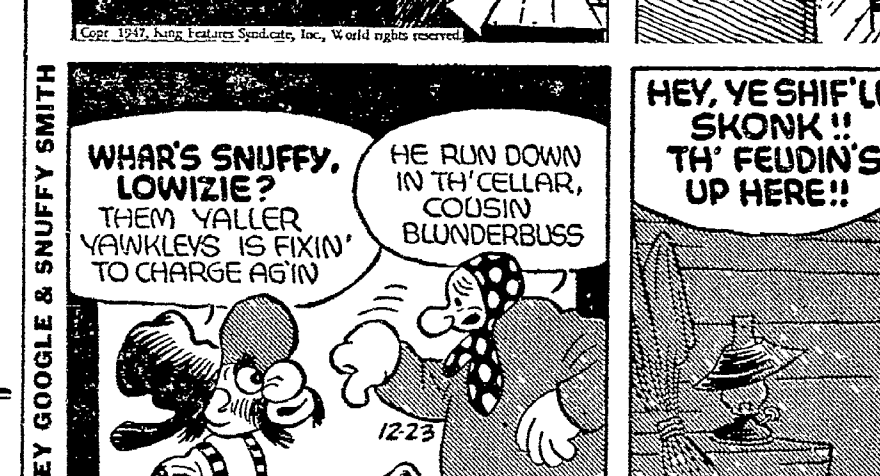
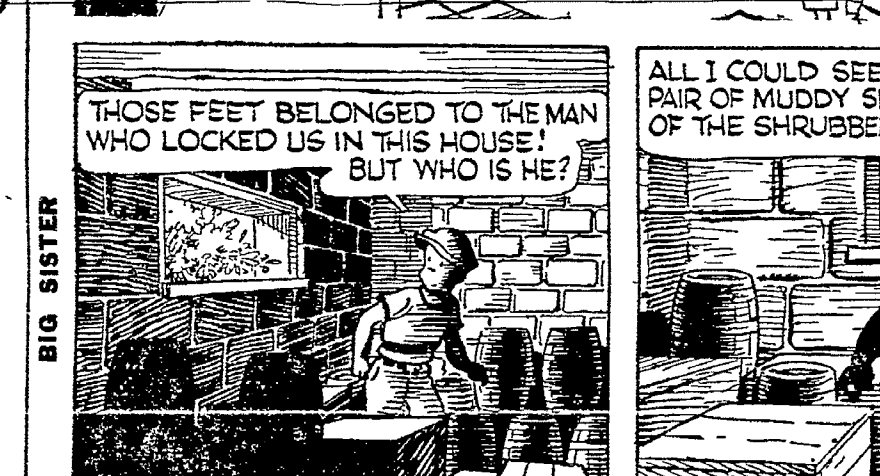
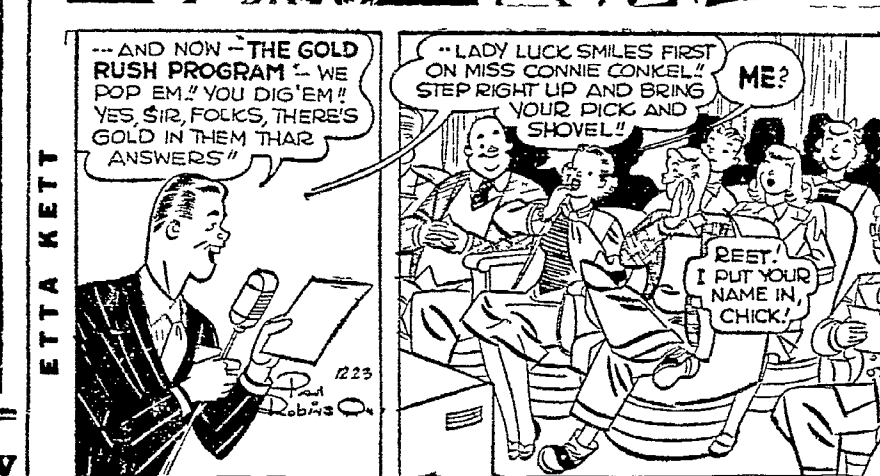
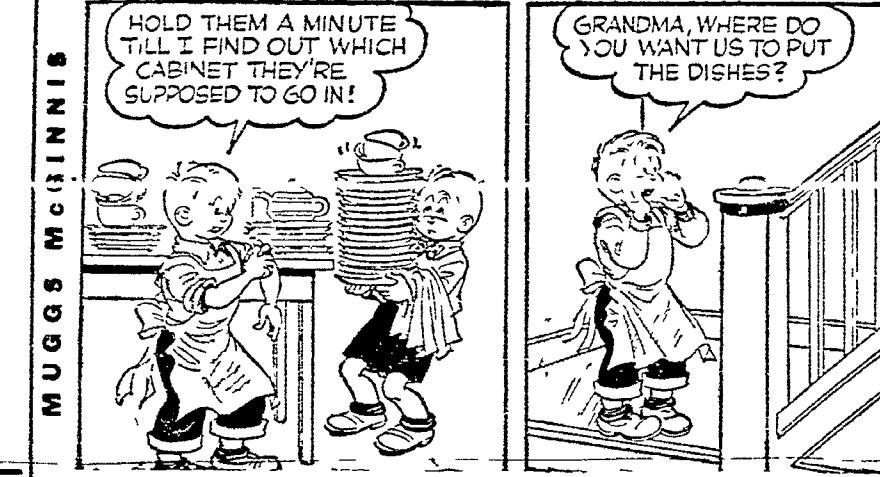


CRYPTOQUOTE—A cryptogram quotation

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VBN OUGHYNBUY BZ XZ GLVS BT
DENSUL—WSZZJLBZ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: KILLING CARE, AND GRIEF OF HEART FALL ASLEEP, OR HEARING DIE—SHAKESPEARE

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LADDER is only way out for New York tenants trapped in fire reportedly started by children playing with matches.



ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD John R. Frissora works at his Worcester, Mass., home on the opera, entitled "Leonora," which he began four years ago. Three acts of the four planned have been completed and the young composer played them for Clark university music students recently.



EXPOSED TO 250 DEGREE heat for 14 1/2 minutes, Si Friedlander, Air Force volunteer, is removed from heat chamber at USLA, at Los Angeles, where researchers are preparing man for assault of supersonic speeds.



CHICAGO CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS are almost too much for two-year-old Melody van Dyne.



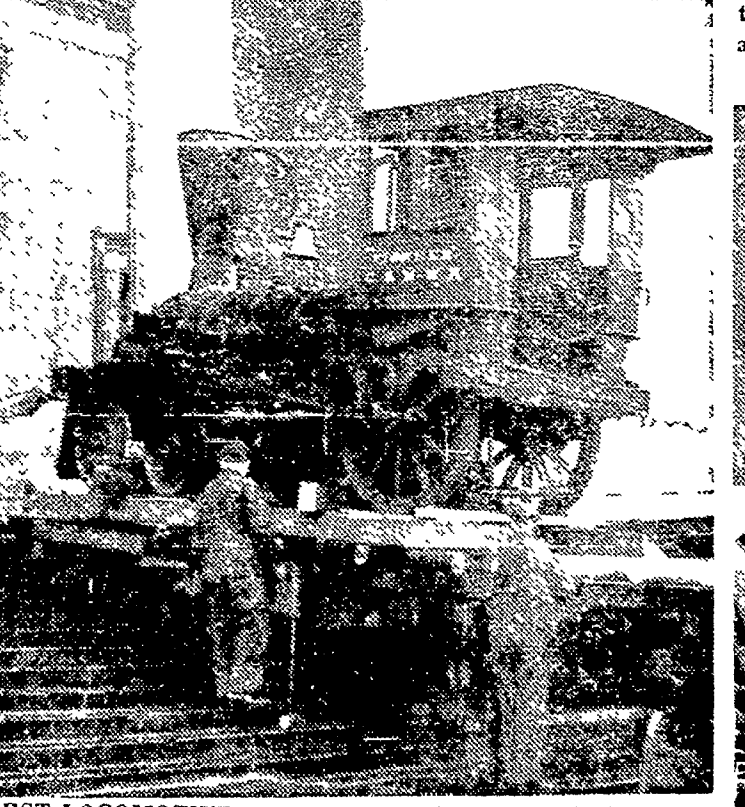
PROXY FOR SANTA CLAUS. Francis Cardinal Spellman arrives at the annual party, which he sponsors, for children of the New York Foundling hospital. The youngsters are loaded with toys and gifts made possible by many donations for homeless and motherless children.



OZZIE RICKS JR., 4, appears to be slightly skeptical as he sits on Santa's knee during a visit to a store at Portland, Me. Just to be on the safe side, though, Ozzie entered a bid for a train, dump truck, racing car and a pair of skates.

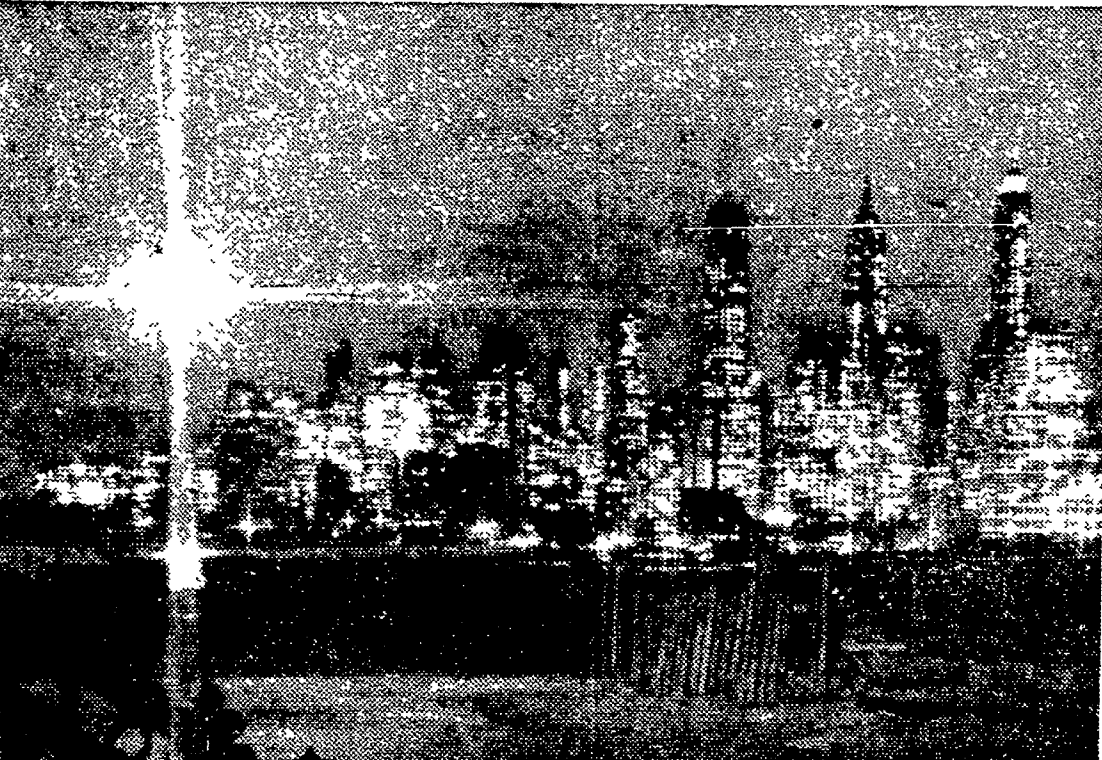


FLEET ADMIRAL William F. Halsey, U.S.N. (ret.) and Mrs. Halsey attend the 62nd annual dinner of the New York Southern Society at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. Admiral Halsey was honor guest.



FIRST LOCOMOTIVE to run out of Chicago in 1848, the 10-ton "Pioneer" is moved from Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry to be repaired for centennial celebration of Chicago and North Western Railway system.

POPEYE
By Tom Sims & B. Zaboly



THE LIGHTS IN MANHATTAN'S SKYSCRAPERS were blinking like four-pointed stars when the photographer set up his camera across the river in Brooklyn. Using a filter created the optical illusion of a huge star (left) shining over the metropolis. Actually, the "star" is a street light. All that's needed to make it a perfect Christmas picture would be a snowfall blanketing the world's largest city.



COAST GUARDSMEN treat aboard their vessel survivors of the 40-foot fishing boat Paramount V which capsized at Manasquan Inlet, N. J. The vessel was caught in huge wave, capsized 500 yards from shore, spilling 16 members of fishing party into the water. Four bodies were found and three are still missing. At right a well-bundled survivor, unidentified, is being led from the Coast Guard rescue ship that saved him.



DISMISSED FROM SCHOOL for wearing slacks, Jeanette Delahunt (second from right), 14, Camden, N. Y., is supported in her fight against the school board's ruling against slacks by several of her classmates. Jeannette's father, who maintains the school has no right to dictate what a student shall wear as long as she is decently attired, is prepared to take the case to the Onondaga County Children's Court.



LIONEL BARRYMORE rehearses in Hollywood for his traditional Christmas Eve radio broadcast of Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol." Lionel plays the role of "Scrooge."



HIP, HIPPO RAY! This guy's waiting for his hay. The cavern you're looking at is the mouth of Puddles, the 3000-pound hippo of the Fleishacker zoo in San Francisco. Puddles was waiting for his dinner of hay and vegetables.



A POPULAR VISITOR at the Agassiz school in Chicago is Fritz, a crow, who peeks at a window to attract attention and get into the classroom. Here he tries to take a pencil away from Edward Goss.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
Deaths 1
USHER - On Saturday, Dec. 20, 1947, Mary Agnes (nee Ramsey) wife of the late Stephen J. Usher, aged 66 years. High requiem mass will be celebrated in St. Aloysius Catholic Church on Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 10 a. m. Interment in St. Aloysius New cemetery. Friends may call Monday evening 7 to 8:30 at Houck's Funeral Home, 112 N. Washington St., Pottstown. (Houck)

REIFSNIDER - On Friday, Dec. 19, 1947, Frederick S. of 92 Second Ave. Collegeville, husband of Estella Reifsnider, aged 59 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services on Wednesday at 2 p. m. at Charles J. Franks' Funeral Home, Trappe Interment Pottstown West End cemetery. Friends may call Tuesday 7 to 9 (Franks)

SNELL - On Sunday, Dec. 21, 1947, Elmer E. husband of Elizabeth (nee Goshall) Snell, aged 86 years. Relatives and friends and members of Loyal Order of Moose are invited to the services from Houck's Funeral Home, 112 N. Washington St., Pottstown, on Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 10 a. m. Interment in Fairview cemetery, Boyertown. Friends may call Tuesday evening 7 to 8:30 (Houck)

In Memoriam 2
HESS - In loving memory of a dear husband and father, John H. Hess, who passed away December 23, 1945. Sadly missed by Wife EDNA and Daughter ALETHEA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Monuments-Cemetery Lots 6
Highland Memorial Park, four-acre lot, choice location. Mercury Box B-11.

PERSONALS
Greetings of the Season to all Spencer Clients and Friends. Mary S. Pratt, Hanover Heights. Phone 2702-W.

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LOST - Man's wrist watch and Lady's diamond ring, between Railroad Bridge and King St., on Charlotte St. Reward, Ph. 3873-W.

LOST - Gold Earring, in telephone booth at Binder's Drug Store. Reward, Phone 3787-B

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1936 Chevrolet Master Coupe, needs minor repairs. \$175. Geo. Huchel, Shenkel, Phone 886-J-2.

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Farmer's Market
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22 (AP) (USA) Prices today on the Philadelphia produce market included: Apples, Pa. Staymans best \$3.00/50. Beets, Pa. bu. baskets, topped, some \$1.00/25. Carriage, N. Y. Danish (terminal) \$2.00/25. Carrots, Pa. topped, washed, bu. baskets \$3.25. Celery, Pa. Wire bobs, mostly green 10/15c. Cranberries, 14 bbl. bxs late Howes N. J. \$8.00. Tomatoes, terminal lugs, turning and ripe, wrapped, Fla. U. S. No. 1 6x5 \$4.00/4. 500 White potatoes, Pa. 100-lb. sacks. Kathadins U. S. No. 1 \$3.15/35.

LANCASTER LIVESTOCK
LANCASTER, Dec. 22 (AP) - Cattle 954, local fed steers within range of \$28 to \$29 50 cents higher; Calves 323, light receipts and steady; Hogs 461, handweights 50 cents higher, top-price \$28. Sheep 147, lambs scarce and steady.

TRI-COUNTY PRODUCERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, WORCESTER
WHITE - High Low A.e.
Fancy large 79 67 69 1/2
Fancy medium 65 63 65 1/2
Extras large 78 65 67
Extras medium 63 61 62
Standard large 66 62 63 1/2
Standard medium 62 60 61
Pullets 60 57 59 1/2
Pee wees 55 55 55

Fancy large 81 64 66 1/2
Fancy medium 63 61 61 1/2
Extras large 77 63 63 1/2
Extras medium 62 60 61
Standard large 62 62 62
Standard medium 58 57 57 1/2
Pullets 60 56 58
Pee wees 55 55 55
Total sales - 1105.

HARLEYSVILLE POULTRY, EGGS
LIVE POULTRY
Grade No 1 High Low A.e.
Fowl-Leghorn 22 20 22
Fowl-Colored 48 37 44
Pullets-Colored 57 40 52
Old Roosters-Col 23 19 24
Roosters-Col 57 40 52
Capon Slips 64 61 62 1/2
Capon 70 63 68
Springer-Col 53 48 51
Broilers-Col 46 21 44 1/2
Ducks 30 24 32
Geese 51 44 47
Guinea 60 49 58
Turkey Hens 65 52 60
Turkey Toms 49 36 47
Rabbits 65 50 57
Pigeons-per pair 50 50 50 1/2
Total Grates Sold - 917.

EGGS
WHITE - High Low A.e.
Fancy large 77 65 70
Fancy medium 65 61 64
Extra large 75 65 70
Extra medium 67 61 68
Standard large 66 64 65
Standard medium 63 62 62 1/2
Pullets 60 58 59

BROWN -
Fancy large 72 55 67
Fancy medium 64 61 62 1/2
Extra large 69 62 64
Extra medium 67 64 65 1/2
Standard large 63 61 62 1/2
Standard medium 59 58 59
Pullets 53 51 52
Jumbo 85 74 82
Duck 53 53 55
Total Cans Sold - 105.

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\$650 Contributed To Christmas Project Of Red Cross Here

Twenty organizations and a number of individuals from the Pottstown area contributed \$650.57 to the 1947 Christmas project of the Community Services to Camps and Hospitals, Mrs. Hugh McDevitt, of the American Red Cross, announced yesterday.

The money was used to buy Christmas gifts for the patients at Valley Forge General and Coatesville hospitals.

In addition to the gifts, the Women's club and the Century club sent a large assortment of cards, wrappings and stamps to the two hospitals.

Each gift provided was of equal value, the patients in the closed wards again requesting bedroom slippers. Christmas trees and decorations will be provided.

The contributing organizations

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were the Kenilworth PTA, Schwenkville Civic club, Doeblner-Jarvis Local 703, Women's Association of the First Presbyterian Church, Brookside Country Club, Doe club, Bethlehem Steel (CIO), Guild Circle of the First Presbyterian church, Ladies' auxiliary of the Schwenkville Fire company, Shenkel Reformed guild, Ladies' auxiliary of

Lower Frederick township, and the West End Fire company. Also the Doeblner-Jarvis employees, Royersford Neighbors WSGS, First Evangelical and Reformed church of Royersford, Ladies' auxiliary of the Humane Fire company of Royersford, Legion Aide of Royersford, Royersford Evangelical church, Royersford Needle works, and the

Laons club of Royersford. Individuals in Royersford, the Perkiomen district, and the Pottstown area are contributing to the fund.

RECORD BUDGET APPROVED
MADRID, Dec. 22 (P) — The Spanish Cortes (parliament) approved today a record high budget for 1948 of 15,000,000,000 pesetas (about \$1,300,000,000).

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NOTICE

To All Residents of the Borough of Pottstown, Pa.

Garbage, ashes and refuse will be collected by Mr. George H. Dunn, Contractor, 718 Walnut St. Phone 2699-J after January 1, 1948, in accordance with the following collection schedule:

3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th Ward—Monday and Thursday

8th, 10th Wards—Tuesday and Friday

West, 2nd, 5th and 9th Wards—Wednesday and Saturday

Stores and business places every other day or as arranged with user of collection service.

No charge will be made for private residences within the Borough limits of Pottstown, Pa. A charge will be made from business, commercial and industrial establishments who require collection service, based on quantity and frequency of collection.

GARBAGE, ASH & REFUSE COLLECTION

1. Garbage containers shall be metal with tight lids and not over 20 gallons capacity unless approved by contractor. Ashes may be placed in strong wooden or metal containers but shall not weigh over 75 lbs.

2. All containers shall be placed not more than 20 feet from curb line of street or 20 feet from alley line in rear, and shall be placed in alley location as noted above where possible.

3. The Borough will enforce use of proper containers.

4. The term ashes and refuse may be construed to mean, ashes, tin cans, glass, metal ware, paper and all household wastes except stones, bricks and building materials. It can also include grass clippings, garden weeds and garden wastes. Tree trimmings will be collected when securely tied in bundles not to exceed 6 feet in length.

5. Collections will be made twice each week in accordance with schedule noted above and containers shall be placed in proper location before contractors scheduled time of collection.

6. The following holidays may be observed by the contractor if he so elects:

January 1, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Collections will be made as soon as possible after each holiday.

7. The Borough officials of the Borough of Pottstown request the cooperation of all residents and the contractor in the proper enforcement of these rules and regulations.

SANITARY COMMITTEE OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

By: DOW I. SEARS, Borough Manager

GEORGE H. DUNN, Contractor
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